



Experiential Learning Through STEAM November 15, 2016

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**Hubbard Woods School
IDEA Lab**



**Crow Island
School
Makerspace**



**Carleton Washburne
School- The CoLab**



**The Skokie School
MakerSpace**



**The Greeley
School
MakerSpace**

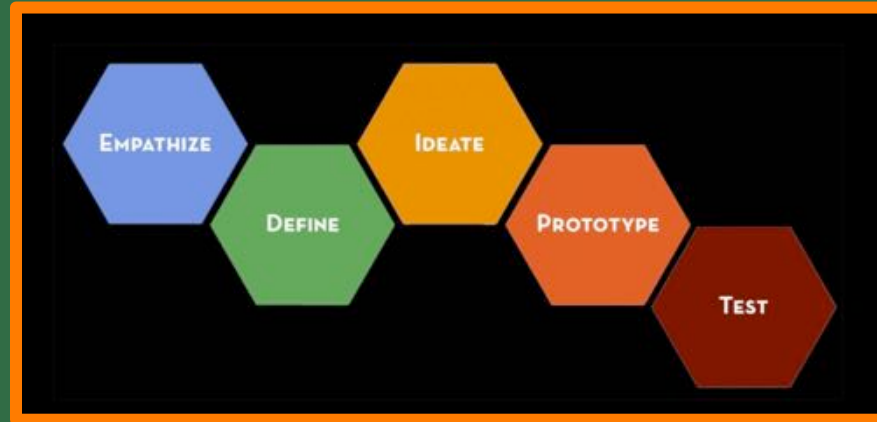
What is STEAM?



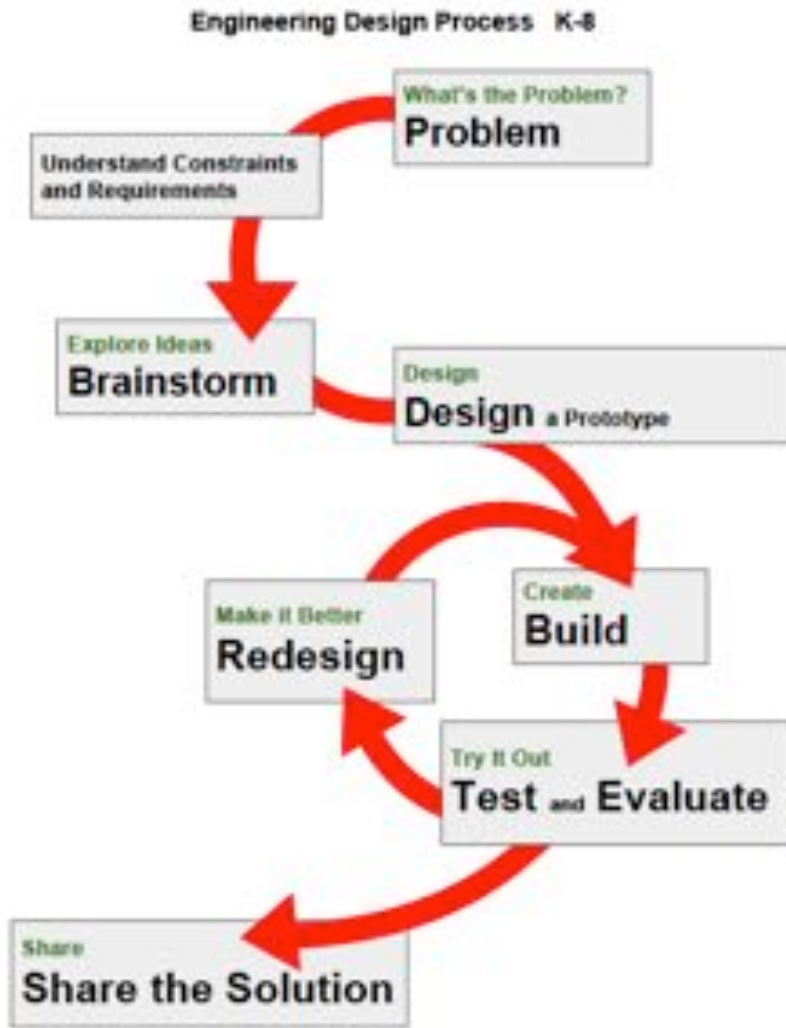
STEAM is an educational approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics as access points for guiding **student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking**. The end results are students who take **thoughtful risks**, **engage in experiential learning**, **persist in problem-solving**, **embrace collaboration**, and **work through the creative process**.

Annual Goal 2.1

“Ensure all students demonstrate the outcomes of utilizing the design thinking process (collaboration, communication, creativity, critical thinking) through experiential learning opportunities.”



Our Engineering Design Process



Measures- Student Use of the Four C's

Increase of 15% in “Student Use of the Four C's” (collaboration, communication, creativity, critical thinking)- based on BrightBytes data collection.



Measures- Access to STEAM Experiences

Increase student access to STEAM experiences before school, at lunch, after school, and outside of the designated STEAM spaces.



Measures- “Innovation Markers”

Use research based on other model STEAM programs to determine “innovation markers” for success and set benchmarks for Year 2 and Year 3 implementation.



Experiential Learning in Action



D36 Shared Vision Alignment

- ❑ Offering innovative, 21st century experiential learning opportunities for all District 36 students
- ❑ Engaging students in the Design Thinking process, a key element of experiential learning
- ❑ Empowering creativity, collaboration and problem-solving skills
- ❑ Challenging students to make a meaningful difference in the world through their ideas
- ❑ Providing valuable insight into student growth and achievement, via student portfolios

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Q & A

