



**Building
Equitable
Learning
Environments
Network**



WHY WE EXIST

A school system is only equitable when every student is empowered to pursue their dreams and transform the world.

We formed the Building Equitable Learning Environments (BELE) Network to prove that building a culture of change and innovation where every student can thrive is possible. As a network of inspired educators, researchers, nonprofit organizations, and funders, we collectively have the resources and tools to build a better, equitable version of public education in America so every student can unlock their full potential.

The BELE Network is committed to sharing tools, classroom-vetted approaches, and policy recommendations with educators, school districts, and nonprofits with the goal of transforming classrooms into learning environments that nurture the growth of every student, especially students of color. Through collaboration, transparent sharing, and evaluating what works, we have the ability to drastically transform the student experience so students are prepared both academically and for life beyond the classroom.

WHAT WE DO

There is a future where schools are designed to empower students and support educators with the tools to implement systemic change. The BELE Network isn't afraid to dismantle our 300-year-old, antiquated education system designed to maintain structural inequities based on race and class.

We are redesigning public education to ensure every student receives a quality education. Through our collective work, we're rethinking everything from curriculum, how teachers give feedback, what disciplinary methods are used, and how

schools are resourced to create learning communities that can help students. The BELE Network is focused on creating equity and positive student outcomes by building the capacity of educators, applying the Science of Learning and Development, identifying policies to drive systemic change, and scaling evidence-based approaches and ideas.

We have bold solutions, we know what it takes, and the time is now.

OUR APPROACH

This work is complex and we are in this together.

The BELE Network works with educators, school districts, non-profits, policymakers, and grantmakers to create equitable student experiences across the United States. Schools must meet the needs of every student and our cohort is committed to driving the structural change students deserve. Our priorities are:



STUDENT EXPERIENCE & OUTCOMES

Redesigning every aspect of the classroom, from what students learn to how teachers give feedback to which disciplinary methods are used, in order to foster intellectual curiosity, self-acceptance, agency, and cultural awareness amongst students, especially students of color or those from low-income backgrounds.



POLICY & ADVOCACY

Identifying and eliminating policies that cause harm or reproduce inequitable practices for students and staff across our schools and, in their place, designing evidence-based policies and practices that increase access to opportunities for all students.



ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES & CONDITIONS

Creating structures, practices, and policies that advance equitable learning practices and leadership among educators, students, and families in support of student outcomes in schools across the United States.



EDUCATORS & ADULTS

Working closely with adults and educators to ensure they have the resources, tools, and beliefs that every student can thrive. With our collective power to transform our schools, helping students emerge empowered and with a strong academic foundation.

WHY BUILD EQUITABLE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS?

Every student deserves an opportunity to pursue and fulfill their purpose. Through implementing equitable learning environments, school systems can effectively support each student's unique needs and challenge students academically and intellectually within a nurturing environment.

BELE is taking the lead to address persistent segregation, chronic underfunding, and most critically, an acceptance of the status quo for students, because we know there can be a better, equitable version of public education in America.



WHO WE ARE



Deeply rooted in education, we are a growing network of educators, researchers, nonprofit organizations, and funders who are passionate about education equity. We are implementing and measuring innovative solutions, working alongside school district partners, and building will for change among policymakers and funders to show that deep structural change is possible across the country.

Our network is looking toward the future and focused on creating models that will transform experiences and outcomes for every student, inside and outside of the classroom. With our knowledge and expertise, we are ready to demand wholesale transformation of our schools.

We know that we can improve the American education system.

GET INVOLVED



FUNDERS & EDUCATORS

Collectively, we have the power to transform the American education system so that it works for every student. Regardless of your role, we are working together to implement policies and practices that can create long-lasting change and benefit all students, because the system will change for the better when we put students first.

Are you looking to get involved?

- If you're an educator, administrator, policymaker, or in another role looking to transform our education system for the benefit of all students, visit and explore our [Equitable Learning Library](#).
- If you're a funder looking for ways to support the BELE Network, visit our [website](#) or contact us at info@belenetwork.org.

