Competency-based education is a unique opportunity to help young people develop their expertise, their voice, and their capacity to effectively contribute. Want to explore ways that young people can help improve your competency-based classroom, school, or system? Check out these tips!

**Guiding Beliefs**
- Young people are experts on their own experience
- Young people have much to teach us
- Professionals and adult supporters do not always understand the impact of their practices, routines and policies
- Intergenerational problem-solving and collaboration is a powerful way to enable the growth and development of individuals, schools and systems.

**Guiding Questions**
- Which of my policies and practices directly impact students’ daily experience?
- What are my biggest pain points and challenges as I support young people in their learning and development of competency?
- What elements of young people’s lived experience could I learn more about?

**Simple Strategies**
- Surveys, Focus Groups and Interviews
- Solicit feedback on new policies and practices during the design, draft and pilot stages
- Include young people on advising committees, councils and other decision-making bodies

**Strategies in action**
- Imagine using one of the strategies to have young people help you design future-ready learning opportunities for all the young people you serve...

- **If you’re a teacher:**
  - Daily routines and norms that help them feel a sense of belonging
  - Topics and projects that maximize their engagement
  - Expectations that develop their sense of agency, self-efficacy, and competency
  - How and when they can show you what they know & can do
  - The routines, practices, and norms that will bring out their best
  - Programmatic offerings that fit their aspirations, interests, and needs while preparing them for the future

- **If you’re a school leader:**
  - Future-ready Learning Outcomes and Assessments
  - Promotion & Graduation Pathways and Requirements
  - Policies regarding where, when, with whom, and at what pace, learning happens

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