



## CAREER EDUCATION CONSORTIUM (MECA CHALLENGE)

“My favorite part was definitely the pitch part. Being able to come up with a way to present our ideas in creative ways.”  
 — Student, Lee’s Summit North High School

“I valued the mentors that helped me through this experience.”  
 — Student, The Barstow School

“I enjoyed getting feedback from other schools’ students based on their experience in high school.”  
 — Student, Herndon Career Center

### THE OBJECTIVE

In this event, students address a real-world problem, ideate solutions and pitch their ideas to peers and key stakeholders. Working in teams and with local mentors, students create their concept and prepare to deliver a final pitch.

**Design Challenge:** "How might we create classrooms that offer students meaningful and engaging learning experiences?"

### THE IMPACT

Educators and students were immersed in design thinking training through this collaborative learning experience.

50 students across 6 different school districts were recruited for this program. The students were sorted into 10 total design teams with an educator serving as the group's mentor at each.

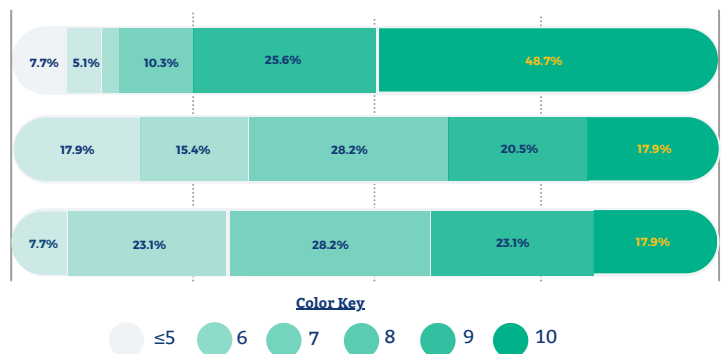
Below are a few survey results for 39 students who completed an exit survey developed by our organization:

*On a scale of 1-10, how would you score your level in the following areas after completion of the challenge (with 10 being the highest level, and 1 being the lowest level)?*

*My comfortability working in teams with my peers.*

*My confidence in the ability to solve real world problems.*

*My confidence in the ability to create solutions for others.*



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**NPS**  
Net Promoter Score

**56.4%**

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