

# The Science of Student-Led Learning

It doesn't take a pocket protector and a labcoat to know that empowered teachers, free to work their magic, will do amazing things.

## Theory

### Social Learning Theory

Lev Vygotsky's social learning theory has shown us that students learn best when learning from one another during constructive, student-led, group activities, whether in person or virtual.

### Self-Actualization

Abraham Maslow's work on self-actualization shows us that we must meet important student needs about esteem, value, and belonging before we can see them flourish.

### Classroom Economy

Nathan Azin's token economy has been studied as an effective classroom management system for decades. YE helps students realize the value they bring to a community and rewards value-producing behavior.

## Practice

### Internal Locus of Control

Students are likely to view the world through a change-mindset.

### Higher Emotional Intelligence

Students score significantly higher on tests of their emotional intelligence.

### Stronger Goal-Orientation

Students were able to drive toward a self-motivated goal.

## Results

### Students

- Increased Self-Confidence
- Higher Graduation Rate
- Improved Educational Attainment
- Better Business Acumen
- Higher Career Satisfaction
- Higher Career Preparedness

### Teachers

- Improved Career Satisfaction
- Better Classroom Management
- Teacher Freedom
- Curricular Flexibility
- Strong Community
- Educator Empowerment