Key Practices for High Schools

**1. High Expectations** — Help teachers embrace practices that elevate learning, promote a growth mindset and provide access to challenging course work and resources.
   — *Leadership for Continuous Improvement*

**2. Programs of Study** — Ensure each student can develop and complete a high-quality program of study that culminates in the attainment of recognized industry and/or postsecondary credentials.
   — *Career Pathways*

**3. Integrated Curriculum** — Teach academic content through the lens of real-world problems and projects.
   — *Aligned Curriculum*

**4. Access and Equity** — Ensure each student, including underrepresented and nontraditional students, has equitable access to intellectually challenging career pathways.
   — *Career Pathways*

**5. Student Engagement** — Use research-based instructional strategies and innovative technology practices to actively engage each student.
   — *Engaging Instruction*

**6. Teacher Collaboration** — Provide teacher teams with the training, time and support they need to improve their lessons, assignments and instructional practices.
   — *Engaging Instruction*

**7. Work-Based Learning** — Encourage each student to participate in structured work-based learning experiences that connect the classroom and the workplace.
   — *Career Pathways*

**8. Guidance and Advisement** — Offer personalized career guidance, advisement and social-emotional supports that empower students to pursue a full range of career and college options.
   — *Systems of Support*

**9. Interventions and Enrichments** — Provide students with the extra help and accelerated learning opportunities they need to complete a challenging academic and technical program of study.
   — *Systems of Support*

**10. Culture of Continuous Improvement** — Engage the whole school community in continuously analyzing data to identify problems and developing plans to solve them.
   — *Leadership for Continuous Improvement*
Making Schools Work Problem-Solving Process
(Based on Deming Model)

How School Teams Solve Problems

- Identify a Problem of Practice
- Determine Root Causes/Drivers
- Establish Goals/Determine Measures
- Develop Action Plans
- Test Actions
- Adopt Broadly/Adapt and Retest/Abandon
- Implement & Monitor Progress/Adapt as Needed

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