

What is a teacher-powered school?

Teacher-powered is a governance structure in which the team of teachers has collective autonomy to design, create, and make final decisions in areas impacting student success. The collaborative leadership piece also looks different at each school because the individual teams get to decide what is best for their staff and their students. No two teacher-powered schools are governed identically. It is not a model one can replicate; it must be created as a collaborative process.



So basically these are schools without principals?

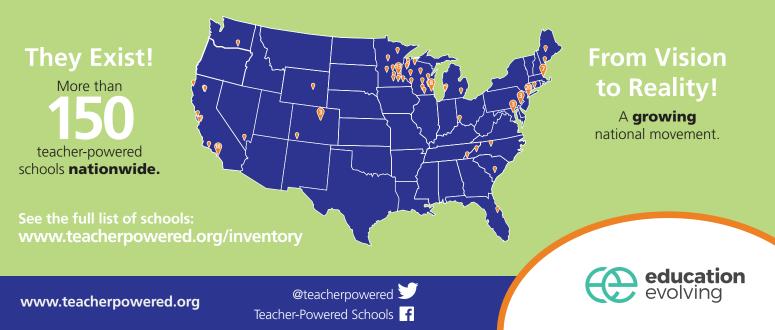
No. Most do have leaders, but their roles vary. Some teacher teams select a principal, while others have a lead teacher, co-lead teachers, or a leadership committee. Leaders are not there to ensure teachers' compliance with outside decisions; instead, they facilitate the team in carrying out group decisions and shared purpose.



How is this different from other efforts at teacher leadership?

Many other efforts accept the current hierarchical structure of public education. They seek to bring "teacher voice" into a top-down policymaking process or to give teachers more "career pathways" within that structure. In contrast, teacher-powered schools change that structure, moving ultimate decision-making authority to groups of teachers.

Are teacher-powered schools just an idea? Or do they already exist?



How do teachers and the public feel about teacher-powered schools?











1 in 5 teachers are ready to implement a teacher-powered school today.

How do I learn more and get involved?



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