

HMH Professional Services

SCHOOLS MAKING AN IMPACT

Each year, the International Center for Leadership in Education (ICLE) recognizes schools who are making an impact. The Model School recognition is reserved for individual schools who are high performing or have made rapid improvements over the past three years. **Model Schools** also demonstrate use of exemplary practices that can be shared with other educators at the national Model Schools Conference. The **Sustained Model School** recognition honors those schools who demonstrate 7–10+ years of high performance after turnaround, a sustained vision, and a focus on rigor and relevance in the classroom. The **Innovative District** recognition highlights the innovative thinking and best practices that drive systemic change across a school district.

Alabama

INNOVATIVE DISTRICT

TUSCALOOSA CITY SCHOOLS TUSCALOOSA, AL

Shifting Mindsets for Rapid Improvement

As an inner-city school district, Tuscaloosa worked to shift the focus of teaching and learning to begin closing opportunity gaps for traditionally marginalized students. Leadership began by implementing a new strategic plan that made it known that a resignation to business as usual matched with low expectations would no longer be accepted in Tuscaloosa City Schools. Instead, they began the process of holding everyone—from educators to members of the community—accountable for shifting the mindset that ALL students are capable of great things.



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