

School Progress Project Guide 1: Think Out of the Box

I can evaluate information to identify priorities. (CCSSR7)

What changes would expand school progress?

Put principles of planning into practice in your school. Make a plan to improve your school.

Planners start by assessing the current situation. List your answers to these two questions.

- What are some really good parts of your school? These are assets, positive parts of your school that help people make progress.
- What are some parts that could improve? Start with your own answers to that question. Then ask your principal what the school wants to improve. List those in the Needs column.

Assets	Needs

Choose one area to improve. _____

Make a plan. What could you do to improve that part of your school? Think out of the box.

List a few ways to respond.

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Here are a few examples of ways students have improved their school.

Need: Better appearance

Responses: Plant a tree or garden. Each classroom decorates its classroom door.

Make posters for the lunchroom. Paint positive sayings in the hallways.

Need: More parent involvement

Responses: Students write parents letters inviting them to school. Set up a parent bulletin board.

Organize parent section of library. Set up Parents Day for your grade.