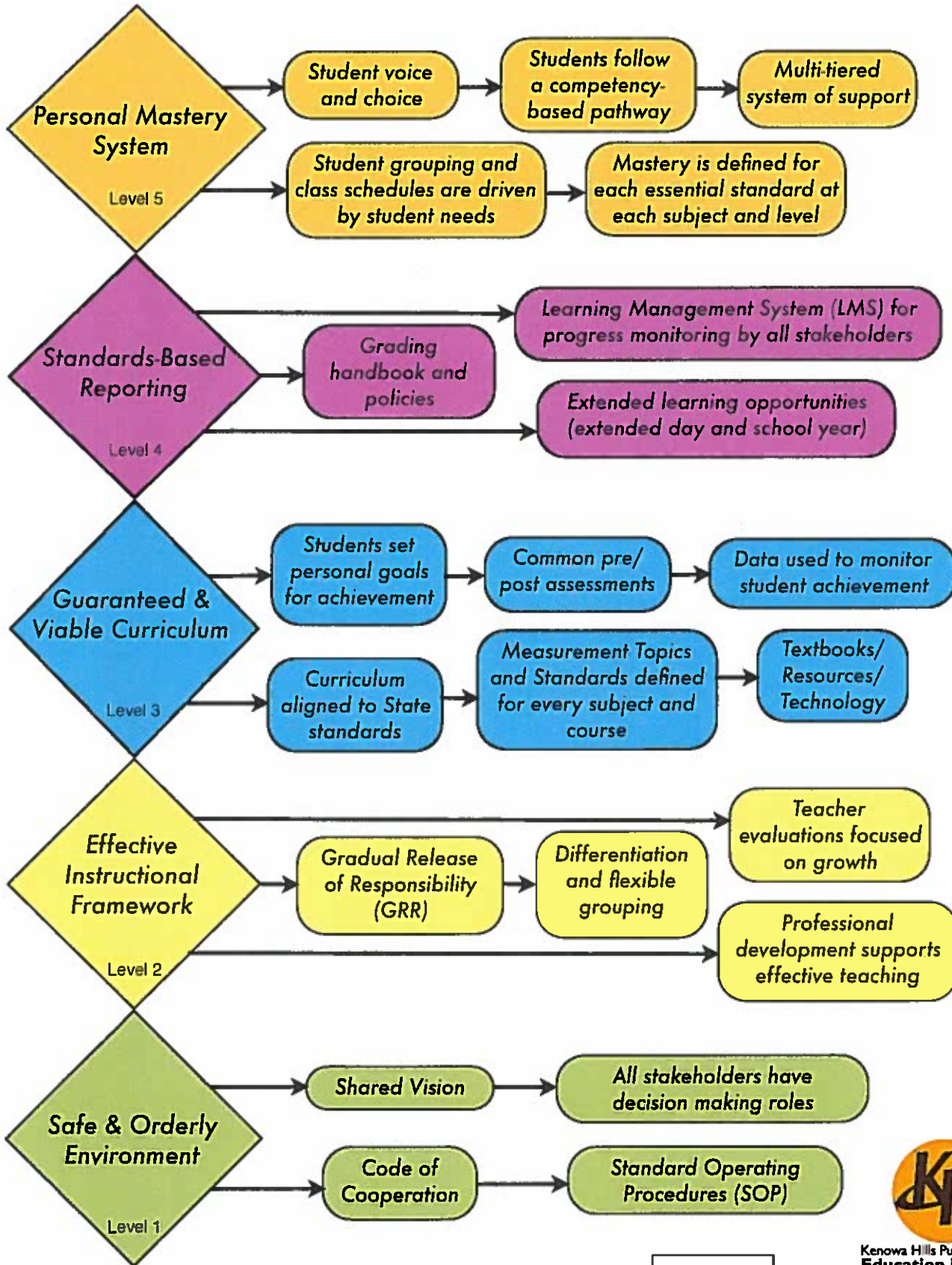




Kenowa Hills Personal Mastery





Personal Mastery In My Classroom

Personal Mastery System

- ∞ My students have opportunities for voice, and their voice leads the classroom when it is appropriate.
- ∞ My students have opportunities for choice, and can lead this.
- ∞ My students are placed in competency-based pathways, and student groups/schedules are driven by student needs.
- ∞ For transparency, and with students, I have defined mastery for each essential standard that drives my class.
- ∞ Based on needs, my students receive multiple types of support.



Standards-Based Reporting

- ∞ I follow the current grading handbook and policies for my district.
- ∞ I use Empower for progress monitoring.
- ∞ I, in collaboration with my building, provide extended learning opportunities for students.



Guaranteed & Viable Curriculum

- ∞ In my classroom, students set and monitor personal goals for achievement.
- ∞ In my classroom, we use a variety of assessments to drive instruction, including pre and post assessments.
- ∞ Data drives my instruction.



Effective Instructional Framework

- ∞ I am working within the GRR instructional framework, as outlined by the district goals. I am working towards continuous improvement.
- ∞ I differentiate and use flexible grouping in my classroom.
- ∞ My evaluation is focused on growth.
- ∞ The professional development opportunities and choices that I have support effective teaching, and my growth goals.



Safe & Orderly Environment

- ∞ My building has a Shared Vision, and my classroom either has an aligned vision that the students created or I am using the building vision in my classroom to drive decision-making.
- ∞ My building has a student-created code of cooperation, and my classroom either uses that code or one that is very similar to support getting to the vision.
- ∞ I use Standard Operating Procedures in my classroom that build student independence, leadership, efficiency, and both class culture and content expectations. Students helped design them and/or I used student voice to approve the SOPs. I am changing and/or adding SOPs as needed.
- ∞ There is a decision-making process used in my classroom and students have a role in decisions in my classroom.





Collaborative Learning



Collaborative Learning is based on the view that knowledge is a social construct.

Collaborative activities are most often based on four principles:

- * The learner is the primary focus of instruction
- * Interaction and "doing" are of primary focus
- * Working in groups is an important mode of learning
- * Structured approaches to developing solutions to real-world problems should be incorporated into learning

Why Collaborative Learning?

Research shows that educational experiences that are **active, social, contextual, engaging, and student-owned** lead to deeper learning.

The benefits of collaborative learning include:



- ◆ Development of higher-level thinking, oral communication, self-management, and leadership.
- ◆ Promotion of student-faculty interaction.
- ◆ Increase in student retention, self-esteem, and responsibility.
- ◆ Exposure to and an increase in understanding of diverse perspectives.
- ◆ Preparation for real life social and employment situations.

