Opportunity Gaps and the New Tech Network Model

Opportunity Gaps are the unequal or inequitable distribution of resources and opportunities that contribute to student success. They disproportionately impact underrepresented students and families based on race, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, English proficiency, community wealth, and familial situations. While there are several types of opportunity gaps, we believe that the New Tech Network model targets two: culture and instruction.

A CULTURE GAP
Students of color and students in poverty are more likely to experience a school environment that isn't safe, welcoming, or supportive.

NTN MODEL
Safe, inclusive, emotionally supportive culture

AN INSTRUCTION GAP
Students of color and students in poverty are more likely to experience rote, low level instruction that emphasizes memorization.

NTN MODEL
Authentic, complex thinking and problem-solving