The Practices of Principled Innovation®

Four interconnected clusters of character assets - moral, civic, intellectual, and performance - are developed over one’s lifetime through self-reflection, working with others, and learning through experiences. The eight practices of Principled Innovation are demonstrations of the assets in action.

As students, faculty, staff, and community members work collaboratively to innovate and make decisions that affect the lives and learning of others, the practices of Principled Innovation help ensure that their decisions and actions are meeting the social, cultural, emotional, and educational needs of those affected while creating positive change for humanity.

What is Principled Innovation®?

Principled Innovation is the ability to imagine new concepts, catalyze ideas, and form new solutions guided by principles that create positive change for humanity.

The question, “We can innovate, but should we?” places values and ethical understandings – our own character – at the core of the practice.

Through Principled Innovation, we hold ourselves accountable to design and deliver excellent learning opportunities for all learners, preparing them to be collaborative and ethical contributors to their communities and a thriving civil society.