



## #VaLIN Cohort Site Visit

Franklin County Public Schools



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Franklin County is off and running in the Virginia Innovation Network. The team is leveraging weekly meetings to maintain momentum and establish powerful [action steps](#). They ultimately are working towards a Shared understanding of the 5 C's and creating rubrics to support each of the C's. They first started by asking teachers to share what innovation meant to them. Jon Crutchfield, Principal at Franklin High School shared [video](#) responses as a catalyst for sparking interest around the work their team is leading.



Franklin hosted an onsite learning day for the innovation network, sharing their current innovations. Five divisions participated in “learning walks” across elementary, middle and high school campuses seeing Profile of a Virginia Graduate come to life.

The Gereau Center was buzzing with [8th graders showcasing their gaming creations](#) aimed at strengthening fellow students understanding of science concepts. Eagle Tech at Franklin County High School offers students an innovative learning environment with an instructional focus on project-based learning. Students use technology to complete group projects as they would in a real-world work environment; the ultimate goal is college and career readiness for all students. As a New Tech Network school, Eagle Tech promotes a culture of trust, respect, and responsibility in which students have the opportunity to manage their own learning, think critically, collaborate, and communicate effectively.

Franklin County plans to offer the more “learning walk” experiences as support in developing the common language around the 5C’s. This August department chairs and additional members of the leadership team will participate. Future plans provide teachers an opportunity to participate in walks both on and off their campus. These are few of many small steps already taken looking to make a big change.