



# THE HEART OF CREATIVITY

## Research Briefs and Reflections

### Environments that Foster Creativity

Educational practitioners and leaders can ensure that their environments are ones in which creativity and creative leadership flourish!

Shaping educational environments in ways that foster and encourage creativity is an important step in establishing systems to welcome creativity. Creativity in learning, decision-making, and collaboration requires environments that value “tinkering” and exploring new ideas. Creative schools and educational environments coach and mentor new members in creative leadership; they incorporate arts and creative tasks as core components of learning and collaboration; and they embrace failure as part of the learning and decision-making process. When teams of educators and leaders come together to embrace creativity in systems that prioritize and value creativity, exciting things happen!

#### Reflection Questions:

- How can you shift your school or district towards more creative practice?
- How can arts-based activities be incorporated into learning and organizational processes in ways that invite creativity in schools, districts, County Offices of Education, or other organizations.

#### Key Points to Remember:

- ★ In creative environments, leaders value tinkering and its role in decision-making and learning.
- ★ Creative environments are ones in which collaboration, coaching, and mentoring flourish.
- ★ Leaders in creative environments embrace failure as an essential component of learning and decision-making.

#### Learn More:

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/creativity-the-art-and-science/202008/why-creativity-takes-courage>

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