

Founder's Award Finalist

Despite the challenges created by the pandemic, NIET's partner schools have shown success in outperforming similar schools and increasing retention of effective teachers. The 2022 Founder's Award finalists continued to advance during the pandemic, using NIET's tools and resources to support instructional excellence and learning acceleration, provide coaching from expert leaders and trainers, and engage a large network of educators united around shared learning. NIET is proud to partner with each of these schools, and it was an exciting moment this year to recognize their achievements.

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Brown County High School

Brown County Schools, Indiana

Brown County High, located south of Indianapolis, is among Brown County's six schools and serves 549 students, 40% of whom are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch. Only three years into their partnership with NIET, Brown County High is already seeing success using the TAP System to increase the effectiveness of their teachers and improve student achievement. Principal Trent Austin and his leadership team are revamping their school culture by using NIET structures to build capacity and foster growth for teachers through dedicated collaboration time, increased instructional support, and professional learning opportunities. From 2018 to 2021, Brown County High made significant gains in its ELA scores, increasing from 49% to 71% in only three years. The school also earned a state letter grade of B, which evaluates the school's performance, improvement, graduation rate, and college and career readiness.



Brown County High School saw a 22-point increase in ELA proficiency rates between 2018 and 2021

