**Mentored Industry Projects**

Designing Your Schedule

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| **TIPS**How you design your MIP schedule will have an impact on student experience. Here are some tips from the team at District C:* Block off a chunk of the semester for *just* the MIP with no other curriculum interspersed (if you can). This helps students stay focused and build momentum.
* Decide on official start and end dates that will give you at least 40 hours of student work time (in class + “homework” time).
* Plan for regular meetings between students and your Industry Partner (the person supplying the business problem for student work).
* Build in time for students to set goals and reflect (especially at the end – so much of the learning happens after the dust has settled).
* Help students set milestone dates and objectives to break the project into manageable pieces.

Also encourage students to be intentional about how they will:* Maintain a sense of urgency throughout the 40-hour (or 80-hour) project.
* Plan around longer interruptions – such as holiday breaks – without skipping a beat.
* Allow sufficient time to understand the problem before jumping to solutions.
* Get timely feedback from their Industry Partner and other stakeholders.
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| **RESOURCES**In District C’s Teamship, student teams build a project Roadmap. They begin with the start and end dates of the program and overlay the Design Process as a way of setting milestone objectives. Students are coached to refer back to their Roadmap and adjust their schedule as they work through the project.The following examples from Teamship were created using Google documents, but any document creation tool will work, including digital project management tools like Trello. 1. [ROADMAP VISUAL](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1eY-KJg7fLe_mWEyjSc8jmRoq2lB9RlargRQ9AK6NO0k/template/preview) with Design Process milestones [If you are a Google user, click “Use Template” to make a copy of the Google Slides]

*Be sure to see the second slide for details on the Design Process milestones.* 1. [ROADMAP DAY-BY-DAY PLAN](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1mvf1BWnIdvTK0AL5GBkXEjKFOjBJCJ68vtRGvYvXG7A/template/preview) & progress tracker [If you are a Google user, click “Use Template” to make a copy of the Google Sheet]

*Be sure to see the second tab at the bottom of the doc for details on the Design Process.* |