

First-Order Barriers: Questions for Consideration

In the hypothetical scenarios regarding first-order barriers on page 13, what are some additional barriers that might not be immediately visible that could impact student access to higher quality learning experiences?

What are some of the compounding operational barriers prevalent in your own school or district that sometimes get in the way of increasing equity for students and families?

Think about a time when you were told that something was not possible due to physical constraints. What was it and what options might have been reconsidered to help you proceed with your equity-related goal?

What untapped or underutilized resources in your community might be available to help you overcome first-order barriers?