







## THE POWER OF STUDENT TEAMS

**Teacher verify:** Through the use of learning targets and success criteria, the teacher checks for student evidence of learning and provides any needed feedback and support as the student progresses toward the learning target. Student verify is when the students take on the verifying role themselves and are confirmed by the teacher.

**Team ownership:** Students take responsibility for their own and for their team members' learning through their use of success criteria and learning targets to verify their learning. This team accountability system leads to students' empowerment, self-efficacy, and self-actualization.

**Team talk:** Student teams express ideas, respectfully challenge each other's thinking, honor each other's opinions, and disagree without being offensive, with the purpose of advancing the learning of all members of the team.

**Team task:** Task aligned to the intent and the complexity of the learning target(s) or standard that requires a team to collaborate to produce evidence of their learning with autonomy from the teacher. Each student may produce the same learning product, but he or she must collaborate and agree that the learning meets the requirements of the success criteria.

**Tracking:** Documentation of students' progress toward achieving the standard through learning targets and success criteria. Tracking is a joint effort by the teacher and student teams.

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