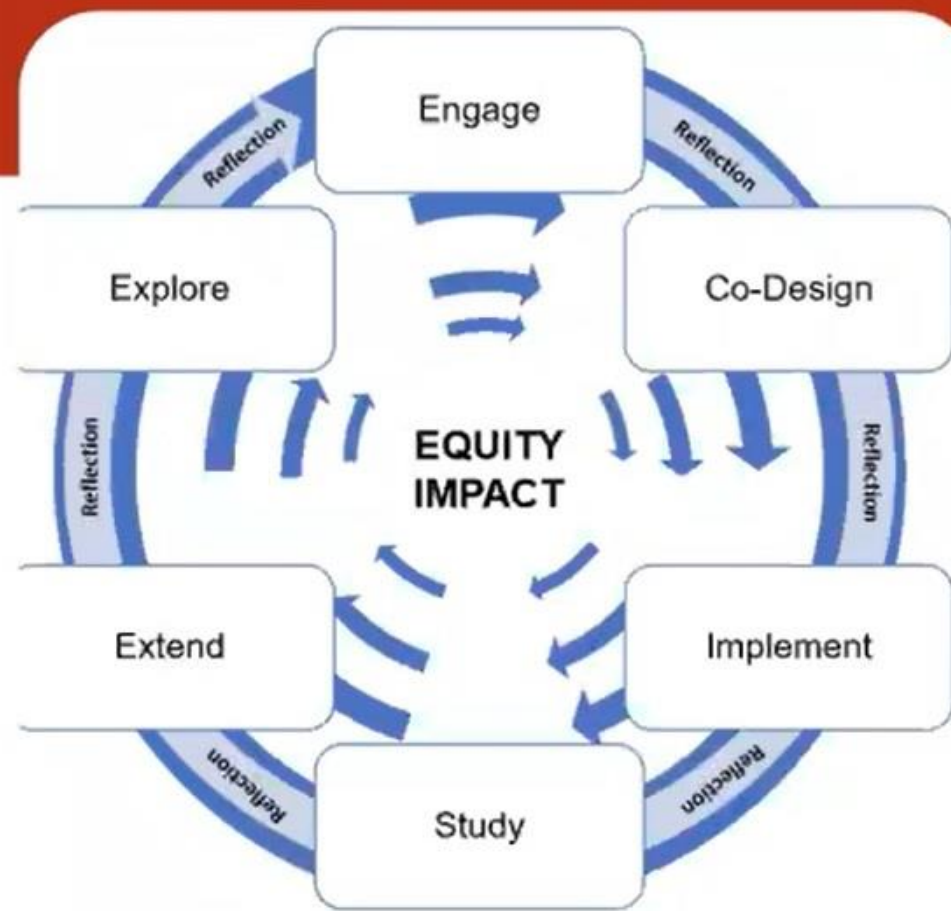


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**Goal: Provide a blueprint for middle schoolers transition through secondary up to college graduation.**

- Why? (Engage)  
-Increase educational opportunity in the RGV
- Where did I start? (Co design)  
-Research PSJA ISD schools
- Enacted plan (Implement)  
-meetings with community organizations  
-talking to students
- What is next for the project?



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## RGV BY THE NUMBERS



**1.36m**

people call the Rio Grande Valley Home\*

The median age in the Rio Grande Valley'



of the population in the Rio Grande Valley is Latino'



of RGV students attend "A" or "B" rated campuses?

In the RGV, **31%** of the population lives below the poverty threshold, compared to **16%** in the state'



Of RGV residents 25 years old and older, **17%** have bachelor's degrees or higher, compared to **29%** in that age group in the state and **32%** in the United States'

- Project link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1I-RjNRdVW2uqvDqarFY7uBz2HelpMz7fe-K0DgllIN80/edit#>

- Next steps in education policy world?



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