



Riverside Learning Center

How we work with schools

A Design-Led Approach to Transforming Schools.



About RLC

The Riverside Learning Center (RLC) is a design and education organisation based in Ahmedabad, India, with a global reach in over 9 countries.

The Riverside Learning Center was set-up to share and scale best practices from The Riverside School, Ahmedabad - a pioneering school that has received several global awards and accolades, including the prestigious World's Best School for Innovation award in 2023.

Built on the principles of design thinking, RLC leverages innovative educational methods to increase student agency and empowerment, enabling them to graduate students with an I CAN mindset: children who are aware of the world around them and empowered with skills and knowledge to thrive in the 21st century.

The Riverside I CAN Approach

Empowering **Every Child** with the I CAN Mindset

It is becoming increasingly clear that the needs of the twenty-first century 'learner' demands new approaches to 'learning'. The lack of student voice and agency in their learning has meant that schools around the world still take a largely standardised, one-size-fits-all approach, valuing compliance over creativity, content over character. This narrow approach doesn't set children up well to thrive in the twenty-first century.

Today, student success requires skills for collaboration, creativity, compassion, and problem solving. There is an urgent need to prepare our young people to both navigate an unknown and complex future and in-still in them the belief that they can shape a more desirable, sustainable future. To meet this need, it is even more imperative that teachers and school leaders tap into their own creativity and build this same belief in their own capacity to develop and drive change within education.

The **Riverside I CAN Approach** addresses this need. Built on the principles of design, it focuses on increasing student agency and empowerment through a 'both and' approach, instead of an 'either or' approach: graduating students with content and character, passion and compassion, doing well and doing good.

The Riverside School's 23 year journey is proof that our unique set of processes, frameworks and pedagogical practices, codified under our six pillars, graduates students with the I CAN mindset: children who are aware of the world around them, enabled with skills and knowledge and empowered to design a more just and equitable future.

Our schools must be places where children grow, thrive and graduate as empowered citizens. Doing so, creates a better world for all of us.

Not by chance. **By Design.**

Our 6 Pillar Framework

At RLC, we've developed a holistic approach to school improvement, centered around our proprietary Six Pillar Framework. All of our work falls into one of the following 6 pillars. This framework serves as the backbone of our programs, ensuring a comprehensive and tailored approach to building design-led, innovative schools that increase student agency and empowerment.



Student Learning

Centered on student voice and agency, RLC has proven processes that increase student learning across content (academic outcomes) and character (21st century skills and citizenship) and enable holistic development of the student.



Teacher Personal & Professional Development

Our processes under Teacher Personal and Professional Development provide teachers with innovative pedagogical approaches to improve classroom management practices to increase student learning and engagement, as well to improve teacher relationships in the school.



School Leadership

We have programs to enable leaders to improve their visionary leadership skills, instructional leadership skills and administrative leadership of school leaders so they can lead their teams.



Parent Partnerships

Our processes across parent partnership enable a relationship of trust to be established with parents of the school. If parents understand the WHY, they are more likely to partner with the HOW and the WHAT.



Administration

RLC has a range of programs have a menu of possibilities to help the administrative team streamline administrative processes, implement best practices, optimize operations, and maximize resources.

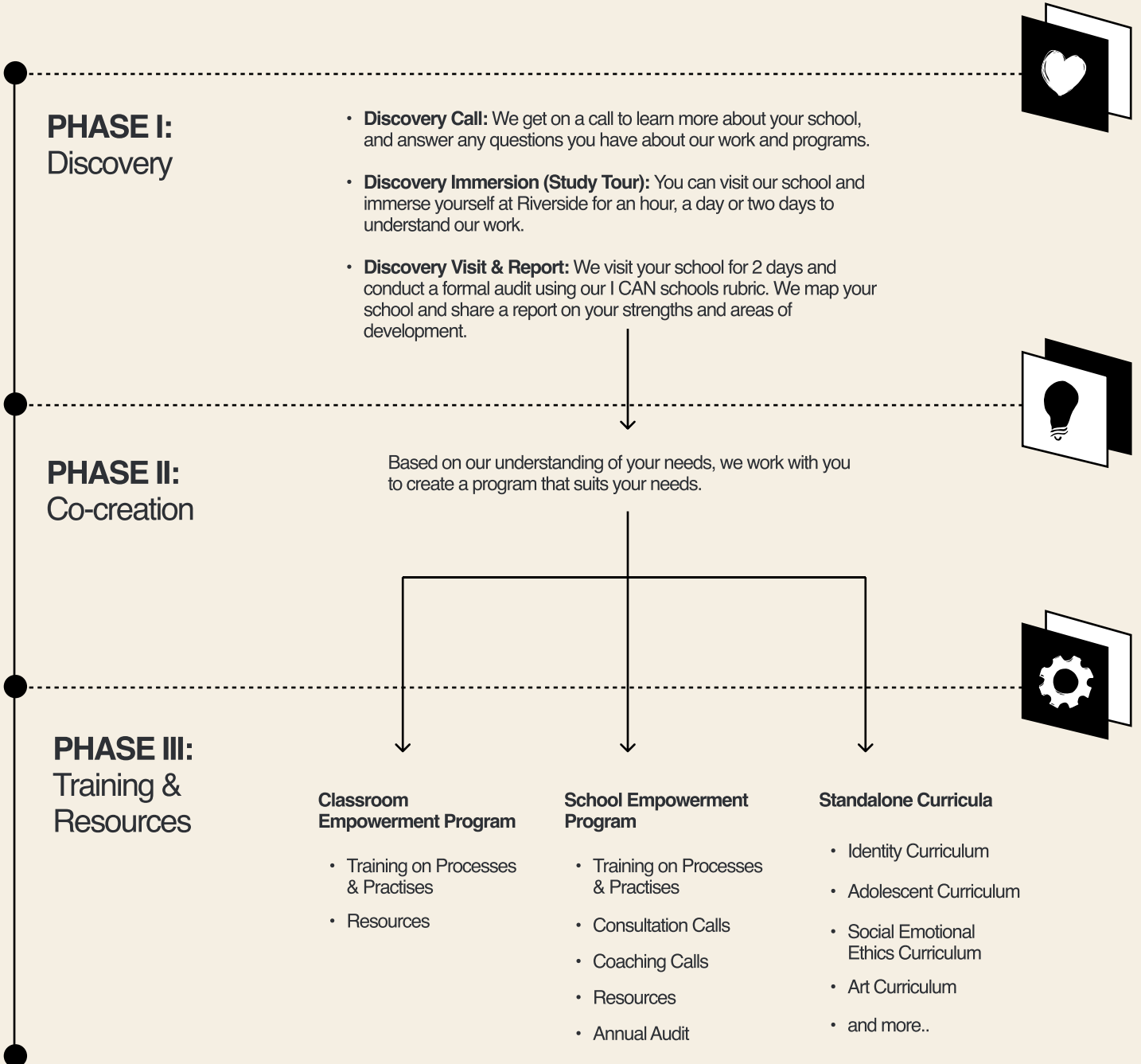


Community

Schools are integral parts of their communities. Our community consulting helps schools build strong connections with local stakeholders, businesses, and organisations to create a supportive network that enhances learning opportunities for all.

How we work with Schools

Empower your school with our Programs



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Our Programs

- **Discovery Immersion (Study Tour)**

Visit our school for a Study Tour and immerse yourself in The Riverside School ecosystem. Study tours span from single-day sessions to comprehensive 3-day programs, enabling participants to actively participate in and understand Riverside's distinctive practices and processes.

- **Discovery Visit**

Our Master Trainers visit your school for a 2-days to conduct a comprehensive audit of your school. Our trainers collect data through interviews, focus groups and learning walks with key stakeholders in the school - teachers, students, parents and leaders. At the end of the visit, we provide a detailed report on the strengths and areas of development for the school - across all 6 pillars, along with a recommended program to improve the school.

- **Classroom Empowerment Program (min: 10 teachers)**

The Classroom Empowerment Program enables teachers and teacher teams to create nurturing classroom environments. It is a fixed 5-day program where we share our proven pedagogical and classroom management processes, we are able to increase student agency and voice, student engagement and enable strong teacher-student relationships in the classroom.

- **School Empowerment Program**

We work with schools to design a customised training, coaching and consulting program to enable them to become an I CAN school. We start our engagement with a Discovery Visit. Based on our Discovery Visit report, our tailored program enables schools to set-up processes and create a culture that is conducive to 21st-century learning: graduating students with the I CAN mindset.

- **Standalone Curricula**

We have a range of standalone curricula designed to plug-in to any existing school-wide practices to make them more purpose-driven towards building 21st century skills. Our individual curricula are accompanied by both student and teacher manuals, along with a training on how to effectively implement the curriculum ideas within your school.

“ RLC training has strengthened my confidence level and patience with which I am interacting with my kids to ensure the overall development of them. It has streamlined my planning, documentation and sharing process.

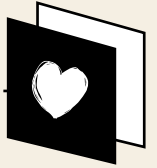
~ Vijayalaxmi RV, Head Mistress,
JVM Vidyanagar, India

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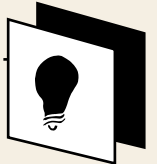
How we work with Leaders

Empower yourself with our 5 day
Leadership Bootcamp

Day 1: Visionary Leadership & Systems Thinking



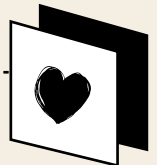
Day 2: Student Learning and Teacher Development



Day 3: Leading with stakeholders: Parents, Admin Team and Community



Day 4: Designing Systems and Case Studies



Day 5: Reflection & Action Plan



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Leadership Bootcamp (15-10 participants)

- Our Leadership Bootcamp is designed to empower school leaders with the essential tools and insights needed to navigate the complexities of leadership in today's fast-paced and ever-evolving landscape.

The Program focuses on strategic vision setting, school culture and school systems design - enabling leaders to create 21st century schools. Our program introduces participants to our six-pillar framework, which serves as a lens to assess and refine their school's culture and systems design. The program equips leaders with practical toolkits and frameworks like the design-thinking framework that enable them to effectively lead their institutions and foster continuous improvement and innovation.

Through a combination of experiential learning, interactive workshops, and thought-provoking discussions, participants learn key leadership principles - deepening their abilities to inspire, communicate, and drive positive change in their schools. Our facilitators bring a wealth of real-world leadership experience to the table, ensuring a rich and practical learning environment.

Experienced and seasoned leaders unlock their full potential through our Leadership Bootcamp and leave with newfound insights, a deeper understanding of their strengths and responsibilities to make a lasting impact.

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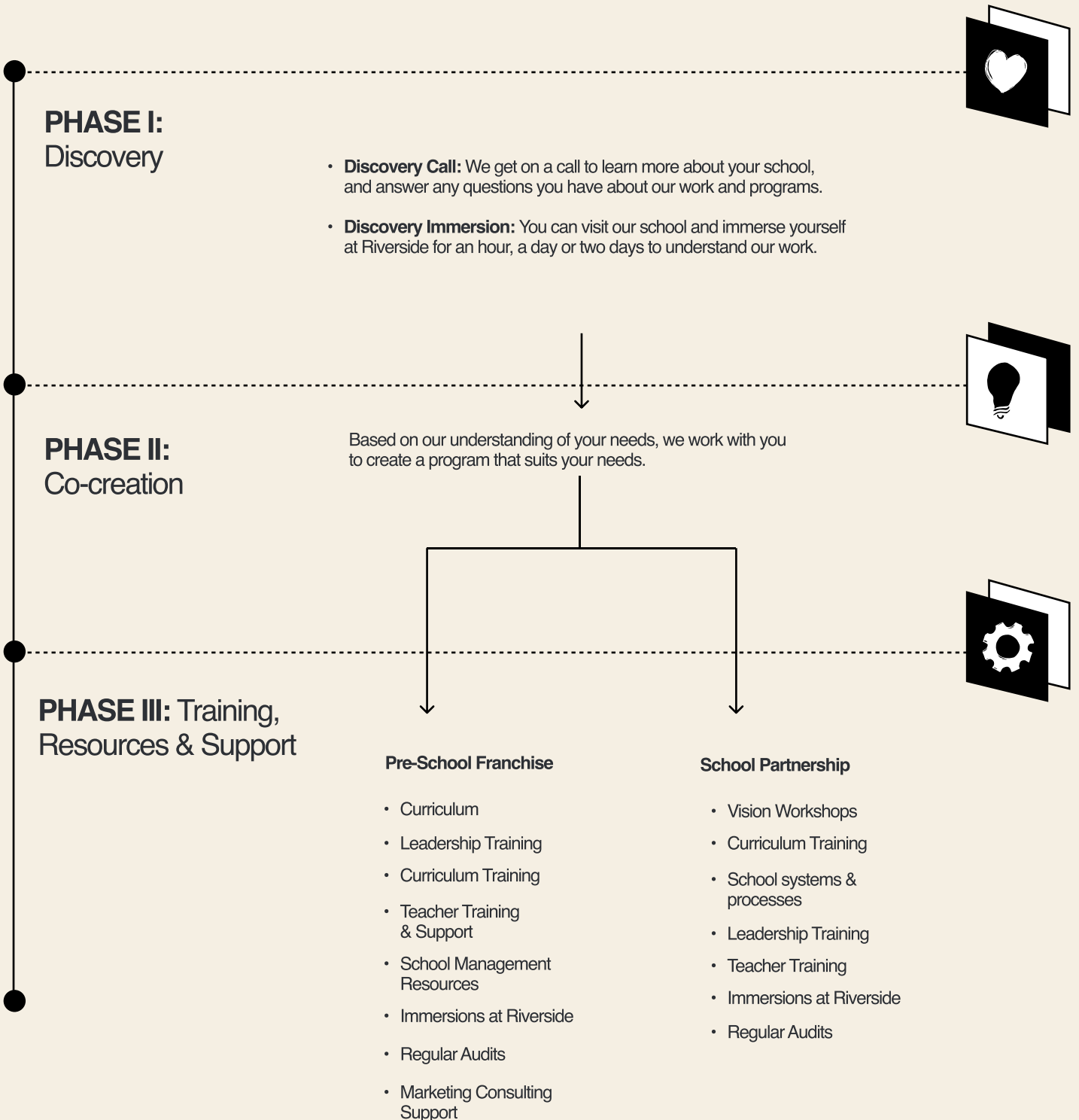
“It (Leadership Bootcamp) was a wonderful and transformative training journey with RLC. There was genuine curiosity, laughter, compassion and excitement ignited as part of the program. Truly engaging and informative!”

~ **Đào Thuy, Anh Thu**,
Department Manager,
Sao Khue School, Vietnam

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How we work with New School Founders

Build your School in Partnership with us



1.

With Schools Founders

● Pre-school franchise

I CAN Early Learning Center franchise model is a thoughtfully designed early years programme based on Play, Inquiry and Skills, that takes inspiration from the proven practices of Riverside School's globally recognised I CAN Approach to learning and enables new school founders to set-up their own world-class pre-school.

Our franchise model provides comprehensive support to equip early learning founders with everything they need to launch a thriving, successful early learning center.

This model includes:

- **Best-in-class curriculum:** Our curriculum is based on the foundations of play, enquiry and skills, informed by the best education models in the world, and refined by our own practices for 23 years.
- **Infrastructure SOPs:** Advice and recommendations on school design and physical infrastructure setup to create an engaging and safe learning environment.
- **Operations SOPs:** We provide detailed protocols and processes to enable franchise leaders to seamlessly run school operations.
- **Leadership Workshops:** Tailored workshops to help the school leaders define and refine their educational vision.
- **Teacher Training and Support:** Comprehensive training programs to prepare early learning center teachers for excellence in early education.
- **Access to the I CAN platform:** The I CAN platform is a digital platform that includes videos, resources and templates for all the processes that we train teachers on.
- **School Management Resources:** Tools, systems and resources to efficiently manage school operations.
- **Immersion at Riverside:** Immersion at Riverside, where leaders and teachers experience our educational practices firsthand.
- **Regular Audits:** We conduct regular audits to assess the effectiveness of implemented strategies and making necessary adjustments to optimise school performance.

The franchise model is an eight-year collaborative journey with each franchise partner. Our inaugural ELC located in Vastrapur, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

2.

With Schools Founders (contd.)

● School partnership

Our school partnership model enables founders of new schools to adopt our full school model to launch and set-up a world-class, design-led school that graduates students with the I CAN mindset.

Through our partnership model we provide comprehensive support to founders across curriculum, teacher professional development, leadership training and administration in the following manner.

- **Vision workshops:** Designed to help founders articulate and refine their educational vision - instrumental in setting a clear and compelling direction for the school.
- **Best-in class teacher training and pedagogy:** We provide comprehensive teacher training on our curriculum and pedagogical practices to enable your teaching staff with the latest skills, strategies and classroom management techniques to build a thriving classrooms.
- **Operations and admin consultancy:** We provide consulting support as well as a set of processes, policies and protocols to enable the administration team to run school operations seamlessly.
- **Leadership Training:** Our leadership training programs empowers school leaders with planning, design thinking, leadership skills in order to run a school that enables student agency and teacher agency.
- **Access to the I CAN platform:** The I CAN platform is a digital platform that includes videos, resources and templates for all the processes that we train teachers on.
- **Immersion at Riverside:** School teams are invited to participate in immersions at Riverside, where they can experience our educational practices firsthand.
- **Regular Audits:** We conduct regular audits to assess the effectiveness of implemented strategies and making necessary adjustments to optimise school performance.
- **Standalone curricula:** We offer a range of standalone curriculum that we have created in-house across different themes to implement at your school.

The school partnership model is an 8 year long partnership model with each school we partner with. Our inaugural school partner is located in Sanand, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

Awards

RLC and its affiliates

The LEGO Foundation

Asia Society
ASIA GAME CHANGER AWARD

THE CHICAGO COUNCIL
ON GLOBAL AFFAIRS

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ASHOKA FELLOW

GLOBAL
TEACHER
PRIZE
VARKEY FOUNDATION

The Commonwealth

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Countries

34

Schools Trained

386

Leaders Trained

395+

Teachers Trained

Schools / organisations we have worked with so far





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