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U.S. School Launch Framework

FOR INTERNATIONAL FOUNDERS

A practical, transferable framework to help you launch, operate, and grow a high-quality U.S.-style school in your local context.



DISCIPLINED APPROACH

Built on the proven U.S. operating model.



ADAPTED LOCALLY

Localization guidance for laws, culture, and context.



FOCUSED ON OUTCOMES

Clear priorities for student success and sustainability.

Prepared. Purposeful. Proven.

An EduQuencher Toolkit





Executive Summary and Visual Launch Timeline

Schools rarely struggle because the vision is weak. They struggle because the launch sequence is unclear, governance is underbuilt, curriculum and student-service planning begin too late, and compliance and records systems are treated as afterthoughts.



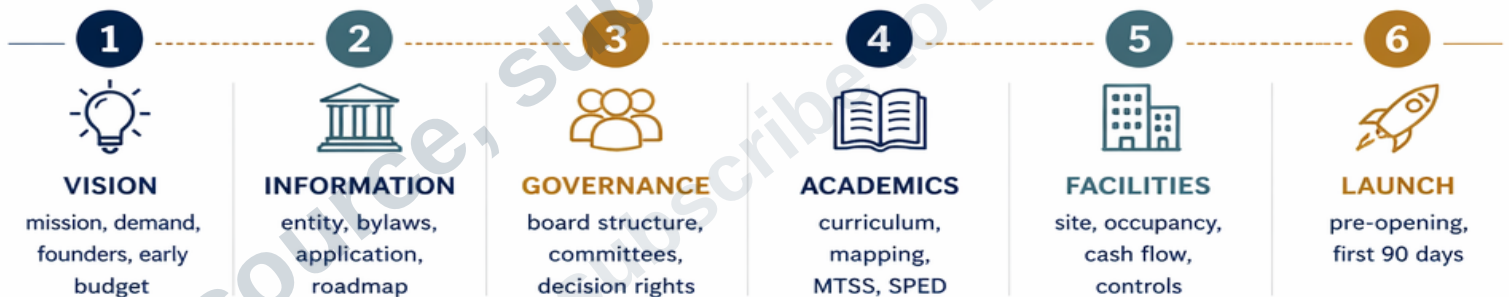
What a strong launch requires



- Clear decision rights, board oversight, and visible launch management.
- Intentional curriculum selection, curriculum mapping, assessment planning, and student-service design.
- Integrated facilities, finance, compliance, staffing, enrollment, and systems planning.
- A true countdown for the final 90 days and a stabilization plan for the first 90 days after.

Launch sequence at a glance

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What to carry over from the U.S. model, and what to localize



Usually transferable from the U.S. model

- governance discipline
- phase sequencing
- curriculum planning
- staffing sequence
- enrollment systems



Must be localized in each country

- legal structure and licensing
- employment law and contracts
- funding mechanisms
- student services rules
- building and safety codes



Use the sequence and systems first, then adapt law, funding, staffing, student services, compliance, and reporting locally.



Governance and Leadership Architecture

Strong governance is the foundation of a sustainable school launch. Clear roles, decision rights, and accountability structures prevent delay, reduce risk, and ensure that academic quality and compliance standards are met from day one.



Strategic



Accountability



Culture of

Governance model options



Nonprofit Board Model

Community-focused board with fiduciary responsibility and strategic oversight.

- Best for mission-driven schools and long-term sustainability
- Strong fit for fundraising and community engagement



Operator Model

Professional education operator manages school operations under a performance contract.

- Best for rapid scalability and operational expertise
- Clear performance metrics and accountability



Hybrid Model

Board sets strategy and oversees; operator manages day-to-day operations.

- Balances mission oversight with operational efficiency
- Requires strong contract and communication

Key governance components



Board Composition

Right mix of skills, independence, and alignment with mission.



Decision Rights

Clear authority levels and documented decision thresholds.



Committees

Academic, finance, audit, risk, and compensation.



Policies & Bylaws

Update, compliant, and tailored to local legal requirements.



Accountability

Regular reporting, dashboards, and performance reviews.



Leadership alignment for launch success

- Board and leadership team aligned on mission, vision, and non-negotiables.
- Executive leadership hired early and empowered with clear authority.
- Culture of transparency, communication, and continuous improvement.
- Strong succession and talent development planning.



Leadership insight

A school is only as strong as its governance. Invest in the right people, clarify the rules, and build the habits that make great decisions possible.