

The Education Alliance 2019 Policy Focus

System Transformation

Increase Student Readiness



Strong Foundations

Numeracy Plus Literacy



Career Readiness

Connecting Schools with the Future of Work



2019 Education Alliance: Policy Priorities

West Virginia needs bold action
& systemic change
to ensure our state's future
and our students' success.

Act Now to Strengthen Public Education...

We all want our children and our grandchildren to have good jobs right here in West Virginia. We know that a good education is key to securing that opportunity.

About The Education Alliance

Founded in July 1983, The Education Alliance is a statewide non-profit organization committed to supporting the state's public schools and giving business a voice in public education to advance policies and practices that continually improve student achievement in West Virginia. www.EducationAlliance.org



System Transformation Increase Student Readiness

Expand collective expectations beyond Graduation by:

- incentivizing progress and ensuring transparency around number/percentage of students with:
 - dual credit attainment
 - remediation rates
 - work-based learning participation (job shadowing, internship, etc.)
 - certificate and/or degree (2 & 4 year) attainment
 - workforce participation rates



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Attract and train more math teachers by:

- developing an incentive package (e.g loan forgiveness) to attract more math teachers and other high-demand subject teachers, and
- providing research-based professional development for teachers to strengthen math outcomes.

Increase Family & Community Support for Math by:

- supporting the WVDE's statewide Math4Life campaign to raises awareness and equip educators, families and community leaders around the urgency of improving student math outcomes.



Career Readiness Connecting Schools with the Future of Work

Strengthen work-based learning opportunities by:

- ensuring that training hours earned through the public school or apprenticeship count towards an applicant's occupational certification and/or licensure, and
- developing a Summer Youth Intern Pilot program that allows youth to explore and prepare for high-demand careers, to gain work experience, and to develop personal attributes necessary to succeed in the workplace.