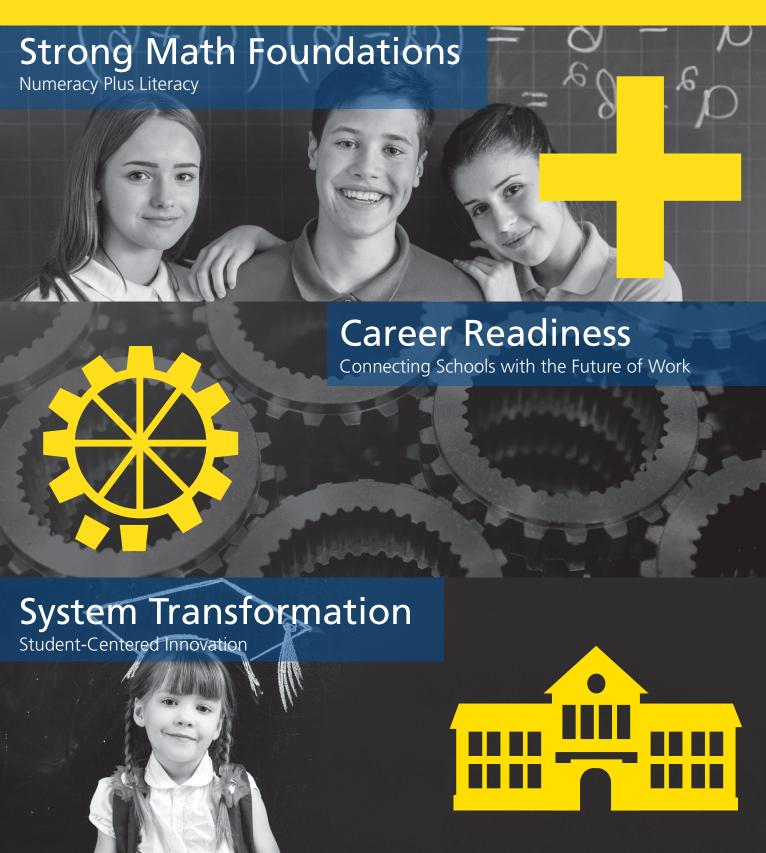
The Education Alliance 2018 Policy Focus





Education Alliance: Policy Priorities

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Strong Foundations

Expand tutoring and math intervention

opportunities for students. Increase math proficiency (from current 34%) to 50% by 2022.

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Career Readiness

Connecting Schools with the Future of Work

Set ambitious targets that support attainment goals to increase the number of high school graduates who:

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- Obtain a credential in high demand areas such as STEM or Computer Science

Convene a Working group of employers and educators to develop a Graduate Profile and promote a common vision for career readiness Provide funding and incentives for a school-level pilot that reduces barriers and bridges the gap between school and career readiness.



System Transformation

Student-Centered Innovation

Personalized Learning and Competency based progression for students

Cultivate student ownership by creating personal learning pathways that encourage students to be active participants in their individual academic goals. Create a Personalized Learning Network of schools to recommend revisions to state policy to maximize flexibility and allow students to progress at a flexible pace.

High quality Educator Workforce

Strengthen state policies to recruit and retain excellent educators by addressing key factors: raising teacher salaries, preparation and costs to entry, hiring personnel management, induction and support for new teachers, working conditions including school leadership and professional collaboration.

Flexible, Innovative Learning Environments

Increase Blended Learning opportunities to foster student agency through online learning. Provide technology and support for teachers to transform instruction through Inquiry, Project-based Learning, Design-based Learning etc. Fund a network of cohort of schools willing to be bold and innovate school-wide.



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