

# The Education Alliance

## 2018 Policy Focus

### Strong Math Foundations

Numeracy Plus Literacy



### Career Readiness

Connecting Schools with the Future of Work



### System Transformation

Student-Centered Innovation



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# 2018 Education Alliance: Policy Priorities

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& systemic change  
to ensure our state's future  
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### About The Education Alliance

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### Strong Foundations Prioritize Math

**Expand tutoring and math intervention** opportunities for students. Increase math proficiency (from current 34%) to 50% by 2022.

**Institute a statewide math campaign** (similar to Campaign for Grade Level Reading) that raises awareness and equips educators, families and community leaders around the urgency of improving student math outcomes.

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

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- Complete Career Tech Ed programs in industry-aligned, high-demand
- Obtain a credential in high demand areas such as STEM or Computer Science

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**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

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**High quality Educator Workforce**  
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**Flexible, Innovative Learning Environments**

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