

2019 Trends in Education Policy

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**EDUCATION
COMMISSION
OF THE STATES**

Your education policy team.

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Who we are

The **essential, indispensable** member of any team addressing education policy.



What we do

We believe in the power of **learning from experience** and we know informed policymakers create **better education policy**.



How we do it

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RESEARCH

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REPORT

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COUNSEL

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CONVENE



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Access to high-quality pre-K can have a strong positive impact on future educational attainment.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION 2019 TRENDS

- ◆ Increasing cost of pre-K
- ◆ Shifting demographics
- ◆ Multiple state agencies

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

WHAT ARE STATES DOING?

- ◆ Increasing state funding
- ◆ Reducing governance complexity
- ◆ Addressing social-emotional learning in early education

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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Working to increase
funding for early
childhood education



K-12 FUNDING

Additional funding for high-need student populations is linked to increased academic success.

K-12 FUNDING

2019 TRENDS

- ◆ State-funded full-day Kindergarten
- ◆ Funding equity and innovation for high need student populations
- ◆ ESSA funding transparency requirement

K-12 FUNDING

WHAT ARE STATES DOING?

- ◆ Fully funded full-day kindergarten
- ◆ High-need funding distribution
- ◆ Stabilized funding in the context of highly mobile student populations
- ◆ School-based financial reporting

K-12 FUNDING

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Nevada School Finance Study



SCHOOL CLIMATE AND CULTURE

Improving school climate
can lead to reduced teacher
turnover and increased
student achievement.

SCHOOL CLIMATE AND CULTURE

2019 TRENDS

- ◆ ESSA School Quality metric
- ◆ Rescinded Federal guidance
- ◆ School Shootings
- ◆ Opioid Crisis

SCHOOL CLIMATE AND CULTURE

WHAT ARE STATES DOING?

- ◆ School Safety Task Forces
- ◆ Opioid Education and Antagonists
- ◆ Alternatives to Discipline
- ◆ Social-Emotional Learning

SCHOOL CLIMATE AND CULTURE

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Statewide
School Safety
Taskforce



TEACHER PAY AND CAREER LADDERS

Effective teachers are the most important factor contributing to student achievement.

TEACHER PAY AND CAREER LADDERS 2019 TRENDS

- ◆ Teacher strikes
- ◆ Teacher shortages
- ◆ Teacher leadership
- ◆ Relevant professional development

TEACHER PAY AND CAREER LADDERS

WHAT ARE STATES DOING?

- ◆ Teacher Compensation
- ◆ Recruitment & Retention
- ◆ License Reciprocity
- ◆ Teacher Leadership
- ◆ Teacher Diversity

TEACHER PAY AND CAREER LADDERS


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- ◆ Performance-based salary adjustments
- ◆ Five percent annual salary increase to National Board-Certified Teachers



CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION



Quality high school CTE programs can help students prepare for both postsecondary education and careers.

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

2019 TRENDS

- ◆ Growing skills gap
- ◆ Meeting workforce needs
- ◆ High-quality CTE options for all

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

WHAT ARE STATES DOING?

- ◆ Student Awareness & Support
- ◆ Agency & Industry Collaboration
- ◆ HS Graduation Requirements
- ◆ Work-Based Learning
- ◆ Financial Support

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- ◆ **Senate Bill 66 (2017)** authorized school districts or charter schools to offer work-based learning
- ◆ **Assembly Bill 7 (2017)** created a college and career ready high school diploma.



COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY

The typical college graduate now has about \$25,000 in student debt.

COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY

2019 TRENDS

- ◆ Barriers to free college
- ◆ Balancing access and affordability
- ◆ Engaging adult students in postsecondary education
- ◆ Re-connecting students to education and work

COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY

WHAT ARE STATES DOING?

- ◆ Free College
- ◆ First-Dollar Awarding
- ◆ Rethinking Award Timing
- ◆ Adult-Focused Aid

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- ◆ Senate Bill 391 (2017)
- ◆ Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program



WORKFORCE READINESS



World Economic Forum analyzed 1,000 jobs that account for 96% of US employment; only 2% of workers could transition to new jobs with a matched skillset.

WORKFORCE READINESS

2019 TRENDS

- ◆ Changing workforce needs
- ◆ Localized value of degrees
- ◆ Perkins reauthorization
- ◆ Non-degree options

WORKFORCE READINESS

WHAT ARE STATES DOING?

- ◆ Career readiness in middle school
- ◆ Funding for adult training
- ◆ Workforce needs assessment
- ◆ Stakeholder coordination


WORKFORCE READINESS

SELECTED RESOURCES

- [Approaches to State Workforce Development Systems](#)
- [Leveraging Community Colleges in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act: A blueprint for state policymakers](#)
- [Aligning K-12 and Postsecondary Career Pathways with Workforce Needs](#)
- [Perkins V Blog Series](#)

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DATA USE AND GOVERNANCE

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Well-designed state data systems allow schools, districts, and the public access to much more useful, timely information.

DATA USE AND GOVERNANCE 2019 TRENDS

- ◆ Education accountability
- ◆ Data-informed interventions for students and schools
- ◆ Return on investments in education
- ◆ Student data privacy

DATA USE AND GOVERNANCE

WHAT ARE STATES DOING?

- ◆ School Accountability
- ◆ Postsecondary ROI
- ◆ Linking data systems
- ◆ Improving transitions
- ◆ Data Privacy
- ◆ Student Safety

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P-20 and Workforce Data System

Questions?





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