

# Education Commission of the States

# SUPPORTS AND SERVICES

## RESEARCH AND REPORT

- Education Commission of the States researches and compiles information on education policies from early learning through postsecondary and the workforce to help state policymakers make better informed decisions. Using this research, Education Commission of the States releases **several [policy reports](#) and [50-State Comparisons](#) each month**, highlighting state examples and offer policy considerations so policymakers gain the insight needed to create effective education policy.
- Education Commission of the States' policy team **tracks, analyzes, and summarizes every piece of vetoed and enacted education legislation** around the country for inclusion on our [State Policy Tracking Database](#), allowing us to quickly see and report on emerging trends in education policy.
- Education Commission of the States' policy team is always available to answer any specific education policy question you may have through our **Information Request** process, with a written response, usually within 48 hours.

## COUNSEL

- Education Commission of the States policy team members are available for:
  - o **Nonpartisan, unbiased expert testimony** to legislative committees, task forces, state boards of education, or postsecondary boards on any state education policy issue.
  - o Keynote or panel **presentations** on a policy topic, or national perspective and background.
  - o One-on-one or team-based **policy consultation** and Q&A.
  - o **Connections to peers and outside experts** who can offer valuable perspectives.
  - o **Trained, nonpartisan facilitation** between state agencies and policymakers.
- Education Commission of the States regularly offers **targeted technical assistance** opportunities for selected states to participate in concentrated learning communities. Opportunities in 2021 have included technical assistance legislative task forces on dual enrollment access, analysis of state-specific data on rural residents' perceptions of higher education, and a STEAM Policy Academy designed to support integration of the arts into state STEM curriculum.

## CONVENE

- Education Commission of the States regularly convenes state education leaders within states and across states so that policymakers can interact, learn, and collaborate. Travel and lodging support are provided to ECS Commissioners and presenters at these events, including:
  - o The National Forum on Education Policy, held each summer and slated for July 2022 in Washington D.C.;
  - o The ECS Winter Commissioners Meeting, held each December;
  - o Regular convenings for Governors' Education Policy Advisors; Executive Directors of State Boards of Education; and legislative staff;
  - o Monthly Partnering for Success webinars, featuring leading, innovative state policy work, in collaboration with ECS Partners;
  - o Frequent state policy academies, Thinkers Meetings, Policy Symposiums, and Virtual Briefings.
- Education Commission of the States convenings provide ECS Commissioners and state education policymakers with a platform to share their successes and state work with a large, invitation-only gathering of the nation's foremost education leaders.