



Vermont

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Serving as partners to state policymakers, Education Commission of the States provides nonpartisan information, personalized support and opportunities for collaboration. We believe that informed policymakers create better education policy. As the essential, indispensable member of your state education policy team, we:

- **Remain nonpartisan and unbiased.**
- **Serve all education leaders**, including governors, legislators, chief state school officers, state board members, higher education officials, business leaders and teachers.
- **Cover the full education spectrum** from early learning through postsecondary and the workforce.

Education Commission of the States receives most of our funding from the states and territories we serve. With funding from state dues, Education Commission of the States works to research, report, counsel and convene. This state support summary outlines the direct services provided to Vermont by Education Commission of the States.

Current Education Commission of the States Commissioners

Each state appoints Commissioners who help guide our work and their own state's education agendas. Commissioners receive priority access to our services and provide strategic information to our staff regarding key state education policy issues. Travel support for our annual convenings is provided to all appointed commissioners with funding from state dues. One Commissioner in each state is appointed to serve as the Steering Committee member to provide leadership among their state's Commissioners.

Vermont Statute Authorizing the Compact for Education: **Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 16, § 1501 to 1509** (repealed 1993)

Counsel

In 2024-25, Vermont ECS Commissioners and other key state education leaders received the following support and national features:

- **Testimony** provided to the House Education Committee on state incentives for school district consolidation.
- **Testimony** to a Joint Hearing of the Education Committees of the Vermont General Assembly on the national landscape of K-12 governance.

ECS Services and Supports

Counsel

Education Commission of the States provides personalized state support, including unbiased advice on policy plans, consultation and testimony on proposed policy legislation, and presentations as third-party experts.

Research

Many states face similar education challenges. By sharing research about what has worked and what has not, states can learn from each other. Education Commission of the States compiles information on the full spectrum of education policies so state policymakers can make informed decisions.

Reports

Education Commission of the States believes in the power of learning from experience. Our reports highlight state policy examples so policymakers in all states gain the insight needed to create effective education policy.

Convenings

Education Commission of the States brings education leaders together within states and across states. Through our annual, national convenings, regional meetings and issue-specific or role-specific meetings, we create opportunities for policymakers to interact, learn and collaborate.



- **Testimony** to a Joint Hearing of the Appropriations and Education Committees of the Vermont Senate on the topic of foundation formulas and national trends in school funding.
- **Testimony** to a Joint Hearing of the Ways and Means and Education Committees of the Vermont House of Representatives on the topic of foundation formulas and national trends in school funding.
- **Policy Consultation** to state education policymakers on school funding formulas.
- **State connection** and policy consultation provided to the governor's education policy advisors through a series of regional calls to discuss cross-state policy interests.
- **Policy Consultation** provided to state's US Senate delegation on issues related to private school choice.
- **Policy Consultation** and state connection provided to state education policymakers on STEAM education policy.
- **Policy Consultation** provided to state policymakers on funding formulas, including regional cost-of-living adjustments, special education funding, and state accountability boards.
- **Policy Consultation** provided to members of the Vermont General Assembly on various school funding-related issues.
- New England commissioners and state leaders attended ECS regional convening - Common Challenges, Collective Leadership: New England Strategies for a Changing Federal Landscape
- **Hosted** state education policymakers and thought leaders for an ongoing Community of Practice related to State Policy Barriers for Students Impacted by the Justice System, as part of Kansas Governor Laura Kelly's Chair's Initiative.
- **Hosted** state legislative education staff for role specific policy discussions, networking, and professional development through the LESN Summer Seminar, in conjunction with the 2025 National Forum on Education Policy.
- **Technical Assistance** provided to state education policymakers through an invitation-only preconference policy roundtable on student-centered learning at the Aurora Institute's annual convening.
- **State connection** made between education leaders in Vermont and Maine to discuss school choice policy
- **State connection** to the Mississippi Department of Education to discuss foundation formula reform.
- **State connection** to legislative staff in another state to discuss school reform policy and implementation.
- **State connection** between New Hampshire and Vermont leaders on the topic of school and district consolidation.
- **State connection** made between Vermont education policymakers other department of education staff in other states to discuss teacher preparation programs.
- **State Policy Feature** for Vermont's work on education reform at the 2025 LESN Summer Seminar.
- **Hosted** state legislative education staff for in-person policy discussions, networking, and professional development through the 2024 LESN Summer Seminar and National Forum on Education Policy.
- **State Policy Feature** for Vermont's work on extended learning in the session "How Nine States Expanded Quality Summer Learning" at the 2025 National Forum on Education Policy.
- **Hosted** governors' education policy advisors for in-person policy discussions, networking, and professional development, in conjunction with ECS' National Forum on Education Policy.
- **Hosted** the state's ECS Commissioners and state education policy leaders for a New England regional convening to discuss approaches to state policy and opportunities in federal policy changes.



- **State Information Requests:** Answered 19 requests for information on the following topics: career and technical education, charter schools, choice of schools, competency-based education (k-12), governance, instructional approaches, private schools, school funding, school/district structure/operations and teacher quality.

Research

In 2024-25, Education Commission of the States monitored, compiled and shared the following research that features state education policies in Vermont:

- **50-State Comparisons:** In 2024-25, we released twelve 50-State Comparisons covering the full spectrum of education policy issues, including [School Accountability Systems](#) and [K-12 Funding](#) as well as [Private School Choice](#) and [Postsecondary Education Funding](#).
- **State Education Policy Tracking:** In 2024-25, we tracked, summarized and entered 13 enacted and/or vetoed Vermont bills in our [State Education Policy Tracking](#) resource.
- **Governors' State of the State Addresses:** This was our 21st year tracking education-related proposals from governors' annual State of the State addresses. We provide ongoing, up-to-date analysis in an [online resource](#), and later, we compile top trends and other findings in a [report](#).

Reports Highlighting State

In 2024-25, Education Commission of the States sent personalized, state-specific correspondence with ECS Commissioners and state leaders, featuring new reports, toolkits, opportunities for technical assistance and state-to-state collaboration.

Our reports contain examples of innovative state approaches for others to learn from and we're pleased that Vermont was highlighted in the following reports and blogs:

- [Maximizing Early Care and Education Funding](#)
- [K-12 Funding Toolkit: A Strategic Guide for States](#)
- [A Policymaker's Guide to State Summative Assessment Systems](#)
- [2024 Election Results: Getting to Know Your Governors](#)
- [2024 Elections and the Future of State-Level Education](#)
- [How Can State Policymakers Foster Integrated Early Learning Environments?](#)
- [Building Comprehensive Prenatal-to-3 Systems of Care in States](#)

To view all Education Commission of the States resources mentioning Vermont, click [here](#).

Convenings

In 2024-25, Education Commission of the States welcomed attendees from Vermont at 12 convenings and webinars listed below. Education Commission of the States provides travel support for appointed Commissioners and speakers to attend our in-person convenings.

- 2024 National Forum on Education Policy (2 registrants)
- Partnering for Success: Education Trends in Governors' State of the State Addresses (3 registrants)
- Partnering for Success: Expanding Education Access for Justice-Impacted Individuals (1 registrant)
- 2025 National Forum on Education Policy (4 registrants)



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State Support

- Common Challenges, Collective Leadership: New England Strategies for a Changing Federal Landscape (4 registrants)
- Enhancing Wage Records to Align Postsecondary and Workforce Outcomes (2 registrants)
- How Can States Improve Math Achievement Declines? (1 registrant)
- Justice-Impacted Students: Community of Practice Forum (1 registrant)
- Strengthening Postsecondary and Workforce Data Alignment (2 registrants)
- The Nation's Report Card Is In: Key Insights for State Leaders (1 registrant)
- Using Data to Align Coherent Policy, Practice and Community (1 registrant)
- Valuing Nondegree Credentials in State Policy (1 registrant)

Additional Information

For more details about our comprehensive supports and services to the states, please refer to our most recent annual report: [2024 Education Commission of the States Annual Report](#).