

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 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 Formerly Authorizing the Compact for Education: **Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 16, § 1501 to 1509**

Counsel

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

- **Testimony** to the Joint Ways and Means and Education Committees of the Vermont House of Representatives on the topic of foundation formulas and national trends in school funding.
- **Testimony** to the Joint Education Committees of the Vermont General Assembly on the national landscape of K-12 governance.
- **Testimony** to the Joint Appropriations and Education Committees of the Vermont Senate on the topic of foundation formulas and national trends in school funding.
- **Testimony** provided to the House Education Committee on state incentives for school district consolidation.

ECS Services and Supports

Counsel

Education Commission of the States provides personalized state support, including unbiased advice on policy plans, consultation on proposed policy legislation and testimony, 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.



- **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** to state education policymakers on school funding formulas.
- **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 Vermont education policymakers other department of education staff in other states to discuss teacher preparation programs.
- **State connection** made between Vermont education policymakers and the Mississippi State Department of Education, to discuss policy and process behind recent changes to Mississippi's school funding formula.
- **Hosted** state higher education staff at ECS' Community of Practice for Students Impacted by the Justice System,, including a visit to the Lansing Correctional Facility and the LCF Career Campus in Lansing, Kansas.
- **Hosted** governors' education policy advisors for in-person policy discussions, networking, and professional development, in conjunction with ECS' 2024 National Forum on Education Policy.
- **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 Information Requests:** Answered 13 requests for information on the following topics: career and technical education, charter schools, choice of schools, governance, private schools, school funding and teacher quality.

Research

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

- **50-State Comparisons:** In 2024-25, we released seven 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 [Early Care and Education Governance](#).
- **State Education Policy Tracking:** In 2024-25, we tracked, summarized and entered 10 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 resources and releases and upcoming opportunities for collaboration.

Vermont was highlighted in the following reports and blogs:

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

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



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State Support

Convenings

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

- Justice-Impacted Students: Community of Practice Forum (*1 registrant*)
- The Nation's Report Card Is In: Key Insights for State Leaders (*1 registrant*)
- 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*)

Additional Information

For more details about our comprehensive supports and services to the states, please refer to our most recent annual report: [2023 Education Commission of the States Annual Report](#)