Expertise and Resources

We provide expertise and resources on all education issues, from pre-kindergarten all the way through college and the workforce.
Innovation in Education

We help states learn what other states are doing, what new ideas in education are emerging and what the research says.

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Unbiased Information

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Blueprint for College Readiness: Overview

- Guidance and support to states working to improve student success.
- Framework to help conceptualize education reform efforts underway.
- K-12 and postsecondary collaboration is essential.
Blueprint for College Readiness: Process

In 2013, through a partnership with Complete College America, Education First, and the Charles A. Dana Center, University of Texas – Austin, ECS facilitated the following national meetings and outreach:

✔ National Thinkers Meeting in Dallas.
✔ Seven state teams assembled three times.
✔ Leaders from K-12, higher education, business, legislatures and governor’s offices.
Blueprint for College Readiness: Process

Key Partners:
- Charles A. Dana Center, University of Texas – Austin
- Complete College America
- Education First
- ACT
- CCSSO
- Education Trust
- US Education Delivery Institute

- SHEEO
- Southern Regional Education Board
- NCSL
- Education Trust
- Achieve
- Smarter Balance
- CCRC
- Jobs for the Future
Blueprint for College Readiness: Process

State Outreach:

Through multiple meetings in 2013, ECS staff helped to facilitated state team meetings with the following states to discuss Blueprint policies and implementation:

- Arizona
- Colorado
- Georgia
- Indiana
- Louisiana
- Ohio
- Oregon
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Washington
State Outreach:

In the spring of 2014, ECS staff helped to facilitate four-person team meetings with the following states to discuss Blueprint policies and developmental ed policies:

• Colorado
• Hawaii
• Illinois
• Kentucky
• Massachusetts

• Minnesota
• Mississippi
• Montana
• Wisconsin
• Wyoming
Blueprint for College Readiness: Process

ECS Research and Analysis

For the past year, ECS policy analysts have:

✓ Defined metrics for more than 30 state policies associated with the Blueprint.

✓ Reviewed state statutes and board policies around these metrics.

✓ Analyzed state-by-state metrics on all 10 Blueprint benchmarks.

✓ Created the accompanying Blueprint interactive website to aid state policymakers.

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Blueprint for College Readiness: Features

- Analysis of the top 10 critical K-12 and higher education policies
- Individual profiles for ALL states
- 50 state searchable data portal
- Technical assistance
Anchor 1: High School Policies

✓ College and career readiness standards
✓ College and career readiness assessments
✓ Graduation requirements
✓ Accountability
Anchor 2: Higher Education Policies

- Statewide admission standards
- Statewide remedial and placement policies
- Transfer and articulation
- Accountability
Anchor 3: Bridge Policies

- Statewide college and career readiness definition
- Data pipeline and reporting
Areas Covered for Each Policy

Questions researched for all 50 States:

- Policy goals.
- State analysis.
- Key policy actions.
- Challenges and opportunities.
- Two state examples.
50 Individual State Profiles

Individual analysis for all 50 states including:

- Table with overall policy review.
- State strengths.
- Considerations.
- Resources and state examples.

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| Georgia        | +            | +              | +                            | +                    | +                    | +                           | +       | +                              | +               | +                   | 10/10 |
| Hawaii         | +            | +              | +                            | +                    | +                    | +                           | +       | +                              | +               | +                   | 8/10  |
| Idaho          | +            | +              | +                            | +                    | +                    | +                           | +       | +                              | +               | +                   | 8/10  |
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What We Found . . .

Statewide Admissions Policies:

- 28 states have systemwide or statewide admissions policies.
- 20 states requires a high school GPA in their admissions policy.
- Colorado and Utah are the two states highlighted for promising policies.
What We Found . . .

Statewide Remedial and Placement Policies

✓ 39 states have statewide or systemwide remedial policies.

✓ 29 states have remedial policies for placement into credit-bearing courses on a statewide or systemwide basis.
What We Found . . .

Transfer and Articulation Policies

• 36 states offer statewide transfer for associate degrees earned at in-state institutions.
• 36 states guaranteed the transfer of general education or lower-division courses from one in-state institution to another.
• States needed three of the following four policies:
  ✓ Transferable core of lower-division courses.
  ✓ Common course numbering.
  ✓ Guaranteed transfer of associate degree.
  ✓ Credit by assessment.
What We Found . . .

Higher Education Accountability

30 states have higher education accountability policies, but only 19 have comprehensive strategies that include:

✓ Setting college attainment goals: 26 states
✓ Including attainment or completion goals in the master plan: 36 states
✓ Adopting a performance-based funding model: 32 states
Blueprint Searchable Data Portal

Search by:
- Policy
- State
http://www.ecs.org/html/educationissues/blueprint/bphe
main7.asp
Blueprint for College Readiness

WICHE
Specific Analysis
Section Overview

✓ WICHE specific analysis in context of national picture.

✓ Review WICHE outcomes for each of the four policy areas covered in Anchor 2: Higher Education Policies.

✓ Offer suggestions for how we hope report can be used moving forward.

✓ Question and answer/discussion time.
Enacted Blueprint Policies, WICHE states
WICHE State Results in Context

High = 10
Low = 3

States:
- Georgia
- Indiana
- Colorado
- Florida
- Kentucky
- Utah
- Arizona
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Missouri
- Nevada
- South Dakota
- Montana
- North Dakota
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Washington
- All State Ave.
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Wyoming
- California
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- Oregon
- Alaska
- Michigan
- New York
- Pennsylvania
- Nebraska
Anchor 2: Higher Education Policies

- Statewide admission standards
- Statewide remedial and placement policies
- Transfer and articulation
- Accountability
States in orange meet criteria for having statewide or systemwide admissions policies.

Ten WICHE states meet this criteria.

Six were systemwide policies:

- Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Wyoming, Montana and South Dakota
States in green meet criteria for having statewide or systemwide common policies for *both* remedial and course placement.

Eight WICHE states meet this criteria.
Transfer and Articulation Policies

States in red meet criteria established to evaluate transfer and articulation policies.

States needed to have three of the four following policies:

- Transferable core of lower division courses.
- Common course numbering.
- Guaranteed transfer of AA.
- Credit by assessment.

Eleven WICHE states meet this criteria.
Higher Education Accountability

States in blue meet criteria for higher education accountability policies.

States need to have all three of the following policies:

✓ Statewide attainment goal.
✓ Completion or attainment goal in master plan.
✓ Performance-funding model and metrics.

Eight WICHE states meet this criteria.
Why Blueprint should matter to WICHE commissioners

✓ Creates foundation to assess alignment of higher education policy work with what’s taking place in K-12 space.

✓ Reveals gaps in policy development and implementation that require solutions from multiple constituents.

✓ Provides data for reflective policy and process learning:
  - Supports intra-state and intra-compact learning
  - Framework for inter-state learning as well
How we hope you use this report

✓ Guide for reflecting on states policy progress to support college and career readiness goals.

✓ Tool to help facilitate communication among and across different policy actors in the education space.

✓ Barometer of state policy storytelling:
  • Are we doing what we are telling ourselves we’re doing?
  • Are my colleagues doing what I think they are doing?
ECS / WICHE Blueprint Report

- In partnership, ECS and WICHE produced a report designed specifically for WICHE members states.

- Includes state profiles for WICHE states as well as national context.

- E-copies to be provided.
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