The Education Alliance

2020 Policy Focus

Strong Foundations
Numeracy Plus Literacy

Career Readiness
Connecting Students with the Future of Work

System Transformation
Student-Centered Innovation

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The Education Alliance: Policy Priorities

West Virginia needs bold action & systemic change to ensure our state’s future and our students’ success.

Act Now to Strengthen Public Education…
We all want our children and our grandchildren to have good jobs right here in West Virginia. We know that a good education is key to securing that opportunity.

About The Education Alliance
Founded in July 1983, The Education Alliance is a statewide non-profit organization committed to supporting the state’s public schools and giving business a voice in public education to advance policies and practices that continually improve student achievement in West Virginia.

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Strong Foundations
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Protect Our Pre-K Investment
Create a task force to study and make recommendations that extend Pre-K learning gains through third grade with attention to student promotion & intervention policies and best practices from other states.

Innovation and Accountability
Strengthen school district innovation and accountability to maintain Pre-K student success through 3rd grade.

Leverage Resources
Strengthen and align teacher professional development to impact instruction utilizing all resources (higher education, Title I, math and literacy coaches, etc.).

Career Readiness
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Real World Learning
Set ambitious targets and attainment goals to increase the number of high school graduates who complete an internship and/or apprenticeship program with an approved partner.

Dual Credit
Provide funding and incentives to ensure collaboration for dual credit between K-12 and Higher Education to maximize students who graduate with at least 3 credit hours.

System Transformation
Student-Centered Innovation

Fund and Incentivize Innovation
Provide student-centered funding and incentives for pilot schools implementing H.B. 2009 (Mastery Based Education).

Ensure a High Quality Educator Workforce
Continue to strengthen state policies to recruit and retain excellent educators by addressing key factors: raising teacher salaries, preparation and costs to entry, hiring personnel management, induction and support for new teachers, working conditions including school leadership and professional collaboration.

Strengthen Student Health and Wellness
Secure additional funding for the Expanded School Mental Health (ESMH) program to reduce the impact of substance abuse disorder and other health challenges.