



ABOUT ECS

Since 1965, the Education Commission of the States (ECS) has helped states develop effective policy and practice for public education. We track trends, translate research, provide advice, and create opportunities for state leaders to learn from one another. What makes ECS unique in the crowded education policy arena is that we cross silos and work with policymakers, researchers and practitioners at all levels of education—from pre-K to postsecondary. We are the only state-focused national organization to bring together governors, state legislators, chief state school officers, higher education officials, and business leaders to advance policies that improve our educational system.

CURRENT FOCUS

- ★ Strengthening learning in the early grades (P-3)
- ★ Increasing early literacy
- ★ Ensuring high school grads are college ready
- ★ Improving remedial education at the postsecondary level
- ★ Boosting college completion for a new economy
- ★ Aligning the educational system with employer needs

WHAT WE DO

- ★ Maintain the nation's most extensive and respected clearinghouse on state education policy
- ★ Provide customized technical assistance to states through our information hotline, legislative testimony, meeting presentations, projects, and more
- ★ Convene policymakers nationwide to share best practices and policy and to participate in discussions about the latest critical education issues
- ★ Track and analyze state policy to identify emerging trends and uncover innovative approaches to challenging education problems
- ★ Produce dozens of policymaker-friendly publications and other resources annually on a broad spectrum of education issues

ANNUAL MEETING

2013 ECS National Forum on Education Policy

June 25-27, St. Louis, Missouri

Join 400 policymakers and education leaders from all 50 states and U.S. territories to tackle issues such as leveling the playing field for our students, implementing the Common Core State Standards, assessing teacher effectiveness, investing in early learning, college readiness, and more.



ECS NEWSLETTERS

e-Clips (daily)



e-Connection (weekly)



Heads Up (monthly)



Citizenship Matters
(bi-monthly)



ECS P-3 Newsletter (monthly)

Remedial Education Rundown
(monthly)



RECENT ECS PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES

*The Progress of Education Reform:
Career/Technical Education*



*50-State Overview of Kindergarten
Readiness Assessments*

Moving the Needle on Degree Completion: The Legislative Role

*Educators' Perceptions and How Schools can Foster Successful
Service-Learning*

A State Policy Roadmap for Improving Early Reading Proficiency

Third Grade Reading Policies

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