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## SECC College- and Career-Readiness Standards & Assessment E-Newsletter

### Current Research/Resources

#### Assessments 101: A Policymaker's Guide to K–12 Assessments

This [brief](#) published by the Education Commission of the States reviews the spectrum of assessments required or authorized under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The author describes the usefulness of a well-designed assessment program for education stakeholders. For example, school districts and states may find assessments useful in (a) evaluating school performance, (b) designing appropriate interventions for low-performing schools, and (c) comparing performance of different subgroups of students.

[Read more](#)

#### The State of State Standards Post-Common Core

This [report](#) published by the Thomas B. Fordham Institute evaluates state standards in the post-Common Core era. The authors review standards of states that made the most substantive changes to the Common Core State Standards or those that never adopted them, and they compare them to Common Core. Standards for English language arts (ELA) and mathematics are rated on a 10-point scale and categorized as “strong,” “good,” “weak,” or “inadequate.” Content experts reviewed ELA standards for 14 states and mathematics standards for 10 states.

[Read more](#)

#### Work-Based Learning: Model Policy Components

This [policy brief](#) published by the Education Commission of the States outlines policy recommendations for implementing an effective work-based learning (WBL) component at the state level as a means of promoting college and career readiness. About one-third of the states (14) have adopted policies governing apprenticeships and other secondary student WBL opportunities. The author delineates five policy areas that should be adopted in a comprehensive package aimed at the development of an effective WBL strategy.

[Read more](#)

### ESSA Updates

#### Making ESSA's Equity Promise Real: State Strategies to Close the Opportunity Gap

This [report](#) published by the Learning Policy Institute describes five strategies for advancing equity in the execution of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Within each of the five strategies, state implementation models are included along with resources for further study. The authors also include helpful figures to indicate which states are implementing these strategies for accountability, school improvement, and other uses.

[Read more](#)

### Upcoming Events

#### Independent Schools Association of the Central States Summit

**Date:** March 7–8, 2019

**Location:** Hotel Allegro, Chicago, Illinois

**Description:** This summit will provide participants with strategies and tools to effectively address equity, diversity, and justice in schools.

[Event registration](#)

#### ASCD Empower19

**Date:** March 16–18, 2019

**Location:** McCormick Place Convention Center, Chicago, Illinois

**Description:** The ASCD Empower19 conference offers relevant and innovative sessions for classroom teachers, principals, district or state administrators, and other education professionals. Early-bird registration prices are effective until February 1. The event also offers preconference institutes from March 13–15. Speakers include Ron Clark, educator and author; Doris Kearns Goodwin, presidential historian and author; and Ashton Kutcher, actor, philanthropist, entrepreneur, and investor.

[Event registration](#)

### Connecting Communities of Education Stakeholders (CCES) Conference

**Date:** March 18–21, 2019

**Location:** Sheraton Greensboro Hotel & Koury Convention Center, Greensboro, North Carolina

**Description:** This conference builds capacity for continued growth and success for all learners. The CCES provides a platform for educational discourse, research-based practice, and professional networking to enhance the unified collaboration of all stakeholders to strengthen the continuous improvement process.

[Event registration](#)

### North Carolina Association of School Administrators (NCASA) Conference on Educational Leadership

**Date:** March 28–29, 2019

**Location:** Hilton North Raleigh/Midtown, Raleigh, North Carolina

**Description:** This annual conference is designed to meet the needs of all facets of school administrators. More than 30 peer-to-peer breakout sessions are offered between general session and luncheon speakers designed to empower and reenergize district leaders.

[Event registration](#)

### National Partnership for Educational Access (NPEA) Conference

**Date:** April 3–5, 2019

**Location:** Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, Chicago, Illinois

**Description:** This NPEA conference will address equity in all its forms and discuss innovations that empower students on their path to college and career success.

[Event registration](#)

### Comparative & International Education Society (CIES) Conference

**Date:** April 14–18, 2019

**Location:** Hyatt Regency San Francisco, San Francisco, California

**Description:** This conference investigates the historic effects of education on society and its future implications.

[Event registration](#)

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