

NCSL Elements of World-Class Education Systems

9 Building Blocks for a World-Class Education System

Element #1: Children come to school ready to learn, and extra support is given to struggling students so that all have the opportunity to achieve high standards



Building Block #1: Provide strong supports for children and their families before students arrive at school



Building Block #2: Provide more resources for at-risk students than for others

Element #2: A world-class teaching profession supports a world-class instructional system, where every student has access to highly effective teachers and is expected to succeed



Building Block #3: Develop world-class, highly coherent instructional systems



Building Block #4: Create clear gateways for students through the system, set to global standards, with no dead ends



Building Block #5: Assure an abundant supply of highly qualified teachers



Building Block #6: Redesign schools to be places in which teachers will be treated as professionals, with incentives and support to continuously improve their professional practice and the performance of their students



Building Block #8: Create a leadership development system that develops leaders at all levels to manage such systems effectively

Element #3: A highly effective, intellectually rigorous system of career and technical education is available to those preferring an applied education



Building Block #7: Create an effective system of career and technical education and training

Element #4: Individual reforms are connected and aligned as parts of a clearly planned and carefully designed comprehensive system



Building Block #9: Institute a governance system that has the authority and legitimacy to develop coherent, powerful policies and is capable of implementing them at scale