



Looking Ahead

States in the ADP Network have led the way in making the case that education and opportunity are critical to America's ability to innovate, compete and grow in an increasingly sophisticated and technologically-driven world economy. While an impressive amount of progress has been made in the 15 years since Achieve was founded, the reform movement is at a critical juncture where translating good policy into practice will be essential to getting results. To that end, over the next few years, Achieve will focus on:

Common Core State Standards Implementation:

Achieve in partnership with the National Governors Association (NGA) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) developed K-12 standards in English and math that are internationally-benchmarked; college and career ready; rigorous, clear and focused; and grounded in research. Over forty-five states have adopted the new standards. Achieve is now supporting states as they implement the new standards through multi-state convenings, the development of tools, and web-based and in-person presentations. For more information, see www.achieve.org/achieving-common-core

Next Generation Science Standards: In partnership with the National Academies of Science's National Research Council (NRC), National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) and the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), Achieve is managing a 26 state-led process to develop next-generation science standards, based on the NRC's recently-released *Conceptual Framework for Science Education*. The next generation science standards will be faithful to the NRC Framework, internationally benchmarked, and rigorous. For more information, see www.nextgenscience.org

Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC): Achieve is serving as the project management partner for PARCC, a consortium of states that was awarded a Race to the Top assessment competition grant. PARCC states have committed to building a K-12 assessment system that: builds a pathway to college and career readiness for all students; creates high-quality assessments that measure the full range of the Common Core State Standards; supports educators in the classroom; makes better use of technology in assessments; and advances accountability at all levels. The first exams will be given in 2014-15. For more information, see www.parcconline.org

Advancing the College and Career Ready Agenda: Achieve will continue to work with states to advance the broader college- and career-ready agenda. With work on standards implementation and assessment underway, related policies such as graduation requirements and accountability are equally critical. Additional related policies and issues that reinforce college and career readiness for all are also top priorities, such as credit-based proficiency, postsecondary remedial education, and student supports and interventions.

State Progress on College and Career Readiness

When Achieve formed the ADP Network in 2005, few states had college- and career-ready policies; today, with Achieve's help:

- 49 states and Washington DC have standards aligned with college and career readiness, including those that have adopted the Common Core State Standards.
- 21 states and Washington DC require students to complete college- and career-ready graduation requirements to earn a high school diploma.
- 14 states administer an assessment in high school used by postsecondary institutions to make placement decisions to all students.
- 22 states have P-20 data systems that regularly track student progress across the education pipeline.
- A number of states have begun to incorporate indicators of college and career readiness into their reporting and accountability systems, but only one state has an accountability system that fully values college and career readiness for all students.