States across the country recognize that high-quality teaching is vital to student success. Join us in exploring how states are leading the way in building strong teacher pipelines so that all students are taught by effective, well-prepared, and meaningfully supported teachers.

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State Spotlights

The Louisiana Department of Education launched a statewide campaign to elevate the teaching profession and recruit a new generation of educators.

The "Be a Teacher LA" campaign aims to increase the number of high school graduates and college students who enroll in an undergraduate teacher preparation program and enter Louisiana classrooms.
Watch how Florida is preparing school leaders through the Commissioner's Leadership Academy. The yearlong professional development program was designed by the Center for Educational Leadership to help principals, principal supervisors, and education leaders to become stronger and more effective instructional leaders. Based on widespread acclaim for the program in Florida, CEL is now offering this professional learning program directly to school districts and states across the country.
Like many other states, Arkansas faces challenges when it comes to hiring and retaining teachers. However, Arkansas is being recognized nationally for its student-focused work. In hopes of rejuvenating the teacher pipeline, the Arkansas Department of Education is excited to share the resources and opportunities available through the Teach Arkansas campaign.
Watch this video from NABSE’s Annual Conference that highlights the efforts of three Georgia school districts to support urban and rural school leaders, develop pipelines for an effective and diverse workforce, and empower all leaders to improve schools.

Must Read

The Council of Chief State School Officers identified six strategies to build pipelines to recruit, prepare and support teachers. State chiefs and their leadership teams recognize a shortage of teachers in specific regions and subject areas is a top challenge. Read about these strategies and explore their interactive map showcasing states’ individual work.
The Every Students Succeeds Act provided states with flexibility to leverage Title II funds to modernize and elevate the teaching profession. In this report, the Center for American Progress reviews how states like Mississippi, Georgia, and Pennsylvania are using this opportunity to support efforts around recruiting teachers of color; improving the teacher preparation experience; providing induction and mentoring to novice teachers; increasing teacher pay; and creating or encouraging career pathways.
We want to hear from you!

Send your state's stories or organization's resources to communications@ccsso.org

The States Leading campaign celebrates the progress states are making toward providing equitable education for all students through the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and innovative polices in other key areas of education, such as early childhood education, teacher preparation, and career readiness, among others.

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