Get to Know Us

The Chief Academic Officer/Chief Talent Officer Collaborative is reserved for senior, cabinet-level staff that oversee departments focused on talent, educator effectiveness, and standards/academics. Our members are leading the creation of policies in their states that improve teacher practice and leader capacity to support high-quality instruction aligned to college and career-ready standards. We offer a platform for senior leaders like you to build relationships with peers, share ideas, and participate in thought exercises and discussions aimed at transforming our field.

Benefits of Our Collaborative

We know that you shoulder the weight of some of your office's most important decisions; this Collaborative offers a venue to share expertise, elevate innovative ideas, and hear from experts. Expect to join a professional learning community that encourages honest and open dialogue about challenges, successes, lessons learned, and plans for continuous improvement. In the 2019-2020 program year, the Chief Academic Officer/Chief Talent Officer Collaborative was busy championing the needs of schools, teachers, and students. Here’s what our members were up to:

- CAOs and CTOs dived deep into approaches to improve student learning in STEM areas.
- The group explored literacy policy, focusing on the research on early literacy, and was joined by cognitive scientist Dan Willingham to walk through the research.
- CAOs and CTOs also met with author Natalie Wexler (The Knowledge Gap) to understand the case for using English Language Arts (ELA) to deliberately build knowledge across content areas.

Our Focus in 2020-2021

We’ll be laser-focused on the response to COVID-19, providing intensive support to districts, schools, teachers, and parents to provide high-quality virtual instruction, and on addressing restart and recovery efforts in schools. Our members are leading the charge to help equip states to address the challenges and inequities presented through this pandemic. As a Collaborative member, you’ll play an integral role in supporting states as they plan to restart school and recover student learning loss. Through virtual, and in-person meetings, we’ll deepen relationships among this elite group of leaders so our members can turn to one another for problem-solving and thought partnership.

Here’s Where You’ll Find Us

For the 2020-2021 program year, meetings will be held in-person when possible, and virtually when necessary due to safety. Any in-person meetings will also include the option to participate virtually. The Chief Academic Officer/Chief Talent Officer Collaborative meeting dates and locations are not set yet but they will take place the:

- Week of September 28, 2021
- Week of January 25, 2021
- Week of May 24, 2021