Get to Know Us

For our students to receive equitable access to effective teaching, we believe it is essential that states put the systems in place to advance high-quality teaching. The members of the Systems to Elevate Excellent Teaching (SEET) Collaborative explore how states can establish and institutionalize structures that recruit and retain a high-quality, diverse, teaching workforce, as well as vehicles for teachers to meaningfully influence policy, strengthen instructional practice, elevate the teaching profession, and change the experience of teachers. We recommend state teams of at least two for this Collaborative, though individual participants will also benefit. We also encourage states to include their State Teacher of the Year or other teacher leaders.

Benefits of Our Collaborative

We are a Collaborative of professionals dedicated to solving challenges around issues like licensure and certification, teacher leadership and career pathways, diversity, professional learning, and recognition efforts. Through in-person and virtual meetings, our members focus on meaningful teacher engagement in state work, with teacher leaders sharing tangible considerations and strategies for including local voices in the decision-making process on matters that will impact them most. Here are a few highlights from last year’s Collaborative sessions:

- Our members developed action plans for advancing systems to elevate excellent teaching.
- We developed a SEET-specific COVID-19 resource, State Examples of Guidance on Certification and Licensure, which tracks COVID-19 state guidance on educator preparation programs, testing, renewal and student teaching, for instructional purposes.

Our Focus in 2020-2021

In light of COVID-19, the work of the SEET Collaborative in the 2020-2021 membership year will be focused on addressing these systems in a time of unprecedented changes and challenging budgets. We know our teachers and students are resilient, it’s up to us to lay the groundwork to help them spring back. Our members will continue to be laser focused on our work with state education agencies to ensure these systems reflect effective, standards-based instruction that meet the needs of each student. As a member of our Collaborative, you and your fellow state participants will set a measurable and ambitious goal related aimed at promoting equitable access to excellent teaching, and work towards it throughout the year.

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 Systems to Elevate Excellent Teaching 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