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ECS and WIN Partner to Offer Tools to Support States in Increasing the Number of Work-Ready, College-Ready Students

The Education Commission of the States (ECS) and Worldwide Interactive Network, Inc. (WIN) have agreed to collaborate on the development of a national College and Career Readiness Dashboard.

State policymakers are often overwhelmed with the broad scope of problems that need solving—and ironically, they also are often overwhelmed with data.

Increasingly, state leaders across the nation are seeking better information to help them determine how they are doing — and how they could do better — to ensure that high school graduates leave school ready for college or for work.

To that end, ECS and WIN have committed to work jointly to develop a national College and Career Readiness Dashboard.

WIN has developed innovative tools such as the Strategic Compass to help collect, synthesize and display education and workforce data. Several states currently use the tool to analyze workforce and education environments — using meaningful, current information from their state, regions and districts. The College and Career Readiness Dashboard will provide a similarly structured analysis and reporting tool.

ECS will work with WIN to generate feedback, develop programming, broaden the use of data and support policy development. Through this partnership ECS hopes to accelerate policymakers’ access to resources that will improve the effectiveness and efficiency of state education and workforce systems.

In particular, the two organizations will work together to develop ways for state members of ECS to access and use such tools effectively and efficiently.

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The Education Commission of the States (ECS) is an interstate compact created by the states, territories and the U.S. Congress that helps governors, legislators, state education officials and others identify, develop and implement public policies to improve student learning at all levels. A nonpartisan organization, ECS was formed in 1965 and is located in Denver, Colorado. ECS is the only nationwide, nonpartisan interstate compact devoted to education.

WIN is the leading publisher of Career Readiness Courseware, a program designed to
deliver skills-based training for tomorrow’s workforce, today. To initiate success in educational and career development, WIN programs have been developed for 28 statewide initiatives. WIN offers a complete line of learning management solutions encompassing career resources, development tools, learner profiles, and courseware for corporate and educational organizations. WIN has revolutionized the concept of interactive curricula with applications targeting critical career and life skills via print, LAN and online delivery.

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