



*Helping* State  
Leaders *Shape*  
Education  
Policy



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**of the States**

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## Who we are

ECS is the only national organization that brings together key leaders – governors, legislators, chiefs, higher education officials, business leaders and others – to work side by side to improve education.

In 1965, ECS was established by state leaders for state leaders. For nearly 40 years, ECS has been helping policymakers improve public education by facilitating the exchange of information and ideas across states. A nonprofit, interstate compact, ECS is the nation's preeminent, nonpartisan source of information, ideas and leadership on education policy. It tracks trends, translates research, provides advice and creates opportunities for state leaders to learn from one another.

ECS' ultimate purpose is to help states improve student learning and achievement. Today, more than ever, it is vital for states to learn from and build on the experiences of one another.



# Information & news

ECS maintains the nation's most extensive Web site devoted to education policy. It features comprehensive packages of information on a growing number of early learning, K-12 and postsecondary issues, ranging from broad overviews to in-depth policy analyses. Policymakers also can access our extensive collection of material through online and print publications, and customized, quick-turnaround searches by the ECS Clearinghouse staff.

- A thumbnail sketch of each topic
- Interesting and useful statistics gleaned from a variety of sources
- Summaries of recent state legislation, 50-state policy compilations and comparisons – and more
- Our “Top 10” list of reports and studies to help you “drill deeper”
- Hot links to indispensable sources of information on the Web
- Searchable databases, model policies, self-assessments and other tools for policymakers

Google-powered search engine



Our publications include:

- **e-Clips** – a daily roundup of the nation's top education news stories
- **e-Connection** – a weekly bulletin highlighting state legislation and policy initiatives, the best newly published reports and research studies, ECS news and links to useful Web sites
- **ECS Governance Notes, TQ Bulletin and Citizenship Matters** – bimonthly bulletins on education governance, teaching quality and service-learning/citizenship that feature guest opinions, ECS project updates and links to key studies, reports and Web sites
- A range of periodic publications – 50-state **policy scans, reports** and **databases** that allow you to review and compare state education policies.



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## olicy research & analysis

Staff specialists and ECS' Distinguished Senior Fellows help state leaders understand and develop policy in pivotal areas such as accountability, early learning, finance, governance, leadership, citizenship and teaching quality.



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## tate, regional & national policy conferences

ECS' seminars, workshops and conferences, including The National Forum on Education Policy, bring together policymakers and educators to share ideas and learn from one another, as well as experts from across the country.

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## ustomized technical assistance

ECS tailors its services to individual states' needs, interests and resources to help policymakers make the decisions right for their state. Services include policy audits, legislative testimony, research, meetings, and consultation and advice.

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## etworks & partnerships

A number of networks and partnerships involving legislators, legislative aides, governors' aides and others promote the sharing of information, ideas and resources at the state and national levels.





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