

ENGAGING AS A COMMISSIONER

As an Education Commission of the States Commissioner, you play an important role in providing leadership for our organization as well as for your state's education agendas. Here are some suggestions for fully utilizing our services and engaging in your role as a Commissioner. Remember, we are your education policy team.

RESEARCH

Reach out when you need specific education policy research. As your education policy team, Education Commission of the States is available to all states – at any time – to provide trusted, thorough research. If we don't have a report or 50-state comparison readily available, simply give us a couple of days and we'll get you the information you need.

REPORT

Search our website, <u>www.ecs.org</u>, to discover hundreds of reports and 50-state comparisons on the full range of education policy issues.

Subscribe to our communications at <u>www.ecs.org/stay-current/newsletters/</u>, and be the first to hear when we release new policy reports. But don't stop there! As a Commissioner you can take it one step further by remembering to forward reports on pertinent topics to your colleagues.

COUNSEL

Call us to talk through implications of pending legislation or a key issue your state is facing. We provide unbiased advice on policy plans, review and consult on proposed legislation, and give presentations at legislative hearings as third-party experts.

Invite us to your state. We will gladly meet with other Commissioners, key staff or other influential education policymakers to learn how to better support your state's educational goals.

CONVENE

Join us at our two annual convenings to network with the nation's top education leaders, hear from expert speakers and increase your knowledge on innovative education policy. The National Forum on Education Policy is held annually at the end of June and the Winter Commissioners Meeting is held in the late fall.

Ask us for an introduction to a colleague from another state. Education Commission of the States also brings education leaders together within and across states to collaborate at issue- and role-specific meetings. We believe in creating opportunities for policymakers to interact and learn from each other. We can connect you with a peer in another state who has implemented a specific policy of interest.





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