SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MARCH 8, 2024

Education Commission of the States is excited to host this year’s National Forum on Education Policy in Washington, D.C. July 10-12, 2024. We invite you to submit a proposal to share insight on innovation and advancement taking place in a range of education policy areas from early care and education through K-12, postsecondary and the workforce.

Speaking at the National Forum gives you the opportunity to present to a highly influential, bipartisan audience of governors, governors’ education policy advisors, legislators, chief state school officers, higher education officials and other state education policy leaders across all areas of education during a 60-minute session. We are a trusted and valued partner to education stakeholders across the United States and U.S. territories.

Types of Session Proposals We’re Prioritizing

We welcome proposals on innovation and advancement taking place in a range of education policy areas from early care and education to postsecondary and the workforce. The list below includes topics that are of particular interest to our audience and Commissioners this year. Each session should be relevant to state education policymakers with an emphasis on ensuring different viewpoints are present from a range of education leaders and policymakers.

Topics:
- Accountability, assessment and innovative school models.
- Career pathways and workforce alignment.
- Early care and education, K-12, and/or postsecondary finance.
- Extended learning and out-of-school time.
- Staffing recruitment and retention.
- Student health and wellness.
- Student learning and outcomes, including literacy, numeracy or attendance.
- Student populations, including education and training for justice impacted individuals, special education, English learners or newcomer students.
- Technology in education, such as artificial intelligence.

Call for Proposals: 2024 National Forum on Education Policy
Sessions at the National Forum will take place in 60-minute blocks starting the afternoon of Wednesday, July 10 through the morning of Friday, July 12. All presenters and session leaders must be prepared to conduct their session on any of the three days of the National Forum (July 10, 11 or 12).

Each presenter is responsible for their own registration, travel and accommodations. There will be discounted registration for all presenters. Each presenter must be registered and have their room reserved by May 31.

**Selection Considerations**

We are seeking proposals that clearly connect to education policy topics, highlight state-level policy innovation, identify policy solutions that address challenges and barriers to education, and provide the audience with opportunities to interact during the session.

**Proposal Requirements and Guidelines**

**Session title** (100-character limit)

**Session Description and Goals** (2,500-character limit): The session description should synthesize the learning objectives, goals for the session, and how the session will provide state education policymakers and leaders with information on innovation and advancement in a particular education policy area. This should incorporate the resources, content and knowledge you want attendees to gain from the session.

The session description must include:

- Education area of focus. *Select all that apply.*
  - Early care and education.
  - K-12.
  - Postsecondary and workforce.
- The topic you will address from the list above.
- The type of content being presented (policy change, policy research, state-level best practices, etc.)
- The resources, content and knowledge you want attendees to gain from the session.
- If applicable, identify the states you intend to feature in the session.

**Session Format** (500-word limit): Each room will be arranged with theater-style seating. Please describe how you will structure your session to engage the audience in learning.
List of presenters: Please identify the session leader who will serve as the primary contact for the session. The session should not have more than three total presenters.

Please include the following for each session leader and presenter:

- Name.
- Title.
- Organization.
- State or national organization represented.
- Email address.

Important Dates

- Proposal submission due date: March 8, 2024
- Session selection notification: April 18, 2024
- Deadline for final session description and title: April 25, 2024
- Registration and room reservation deadline: May 31, 2024
- Deadline for session leaders to meet with ECS contact: May 31, 2024
- Deadline for final slide deck and other materials: June 24, 2024
- National Forum on Education Policy: July 10-12, 2024

Proposal Submission

Please use this form to submit your proposal. In the form, you will be prompted to respond to the questions and provide the requested information outlined in this document.

Additional Information

- Education Commission of the States is nonpartisan and committed to fair representation in all materials.
- All session materials must be submitted to Education Commission of the States by designated deadlines.
- Each presenter is responsible for their own registration, travel and accommodations. Registration will be discounted for all presenters and session leads. Each presenter must be registered and have their room reserved by May 31.
- Presenters and session leaders grant permission for Education Commission of the States to distribute their supplemental resource materials on our website, conference app and email listserv. If presenters wish to distribute copyrighted information in supplemental
materials, it is their responsibility to obtain the necessary permissions. Such materials will be distributed only if the presenters submit them with the publisher’s written permission attached.

- Education Commission of the States reserves the right to edit or make changes to proposed session titles, descriptions, modes of presentation, presenters and moderators. In these situations, Education Commission of the States staff will work directly with the session leader.

Contacts
- If you have questions about session content and your proposal, please contact Tom Keily.
- If you have questions about the submission form and logistics, please contact Caitlin Dennis.