

# The Nation's Schools Are Stepping Up To Higher Standards

## College & Career Readiness



### Serious Challenges Facing District Leaders

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#### Increasing Needs for Higher Student Achievement

Every state now requires all students to graduate college and career ready. The nation's schools must change fast to meet this high standard.

25%

25% of high school students graduate career and college ready.

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#### Shrinking Budgets

States and districts have been riding a funding roller-coaster for most of the last decade and need to find ways to do more with less funding.



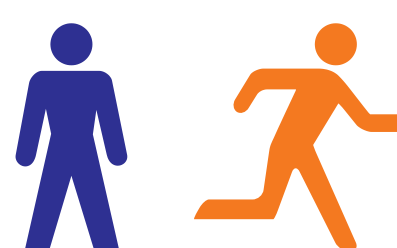
Per-student spending has declined in most states since 2008.

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#### The Future of Teaching

Many teachers do not have adequate training and support, which is more important than ever when moving towards a student-centered learning environment.

50% of teachers leave the profession in 5 years.



\$2.6 billion American schools spend more than \$2.6 billion annually replacing teachers who have dropped out of the profession.



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#### Growing Technology Needs of Students and Society

Comprehensive planning is necessary to effectively utilize technology and digital learning to its full potential.



### Today's Urgent Needs Will Shape the Next Decade

#### DIGITAL LEARNING College & Career Readiness

Digital Learning: Embraces the Three Ts—Teaching, Technology, and Time.

**Di•gi•tal Learn•ing** — Digital learning is any instructional practice that is effectively using technology to strengthen the student learning experience.



Teaching

Transition teachers to education designers to personalize learning for all students.

Technology

Effectively utilize digital learning tools, resources, and practices.

Time

Use time differently in the classroom.

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