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New Toolkits to Help Education Leaders Deepen Learning for Students

The nation's job market is changing quickly. Jobs favoring low education levels and manual skills are in decline while the fastest-growing job sectors require problem-solving, critical thinking, communications, collaboration, and other "deeper learning†competencies. To demystify deeper learning and help education leaders create the conditions that support it, the Alliance debuted a series of toolkits. The toolkits support state and district leaders as they explore whether to launch a deeper learning initiative or move toward one; strengthen or expand existing practices aligned with skills that prepare students for the future; and commit the resources, political support, and expertise necessary to ensure success.

The resources introduce state and district leaders to policies, procedures, and practices that support deeper learning. Topics include: assessing for deeper learning, high school opportunities, and infrastructure for deeper learning.

Read More About the Toolkits

Check Out the Toolkits

Click to Tweet: New @all4ed toolkits share policies, procedures, and practices that deepen learning for all students bit.ly/2xomrrL #deeperlearning



Condemning Racism and Bigotry While Using Charlottesville as a Teachable Moment: Resources for Teachers, Parents, and Others

The Alliance for Excellent Education filmed a special edition of Federal Flash that condemns the actions by white supremacists in

Charlottesville and urges parents, teachers, and others to talk about Charlottesville in their homes, classrooms, and communities. This blog post includes the video, a transcript of the video, as well as a series of resources that individuals can use to help start conversations about the nation's dark history with slavery, the dangerous white supremacy movement, and the importance of equity, inclusion, and diversity in America.

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Click to Tweet: Condemning Racism and Bigotry & How to Talk About #Charlottesville with students bit.ly/2wiPdoP

Coming Soon

Advancing Positive Learning Mindsets Through Deeper Learning



This webinar will focus on how educators can nurture positive learning mindsets among their students so they develop better habits and skills that lead to deeper learning outcomes. This event is based on a paper cowritten by two of the panelistsâ \in "Learning Mindsets and Skills in the Every Student Succeeds Act. The webinar will explore opportunities in the Every Student Succeeds Act to use funds to advance positive learning mindsets and deeper learning skills.

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How States and School District Leaders Can Assess Deeper Learning



This webinar will discuss how state education agencies can take advantage of an opportunity in ESSA to move the deeper learning agenda in assessment. The webinar focuses on how the law has direct references to using portfolios, projects, and extended learning on performance tasks in the design of assessments and highlights New Hampshire's Performance Assessment of Competency Education (PACE).

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Learning Transformed: 8 Keys to Designing Tomorrow's Schools, Today



In this webinar, Tom Murray and Eric Sheninger, coauthors of ASCD's *Learning Transformed: 8*Keys to Designing Tomorrows Schools, Today, will dissect their eight keysâ€"each of which serves as a puzzle piece for redesigning the learning experienceâ€"to unlock tomorrow's schools so that today's modern learners leave ready to create new industries, find new cures, and solve world problems.

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Using Title I to Promote Deeper Learning



This webinar will address how states can use resources provided by the Every Students Succeeds Act (ESSA) to implement deeper learning practices in schools and school districts, specifically how Title I can be used to emphasize deeper learning, as that pot of funding focuses on standards, assessment, and accountability.

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In Case You Missed It



Federal Flash: Congress's Busy Agenda and Trump's Decision to End DACA

This episode of Federal Flash outlines the U.S. Congress's very full legislative agenda, which includes determining education funding levels, from now until the end of the year, plus the next steps for President Trump's decision to end the

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA program. It also covers a congressional hearing on the Federal Communications Commission's Lifeline program, which provides subsidies to low-income households to purchase telephone and internet service.

Watch the Video

Click to Tweet: Today's #FederalFlash: Congress's busy agenda, education funding, Lifeline, & Trump's decision to end #DACA. Watch: all4ed.org/FederalFlash



Building Competencies for Careers: Preparing Students for Twenty-First-Century Jobs

This webinar, cohosted by the Alliance for Excellent Education, Center on Education Policy (CEP), and Council for a Strong America, features a new research report on the most valuable skills and competencies required for more than 300 occupations nationwide. It also examines the role that external partners, including business, higher education, and community organizations, can play in helping students develop expertise in the field to supplement the academic content and learning that takes place in schools.

Watch the Webinar



Amplify: Digital Teaching and Learning in the K–6 Classroom

In this Future Ready Schools® webinar, panelists look through a lens of pedagogy and identify new opportunities to confer, inform, and offer feedback to position kids and teachers in a place where anything is possible. Panelists share stories, suggest strategies, and ask questions that will help viewers empower school communities for today and beyond.

Watch the Webinar

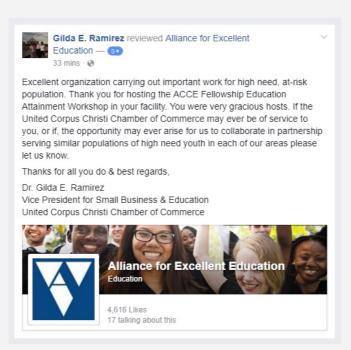
Alliance in the News

ESSA and High School Graduation Rates

The Alliance's Phillip Lovell discusses the impact of ESSA on high school diploma requirements and reporting of graduation rates in *Education Week*. "The statute calls for honesty," he said. "We're finally being honest about what a diploma means."

Learn More





The Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE) recently held a two-day event at the Alliance's conference center. The Alliance's conference center, meeting rooms, and high-definition studio offer a premier venue for nonprofit and advocacy organizations to advance their work. Visit https://all4ed.org/studio/ to learn more about space available for rent.

Recommended Reading





Super School Live: TV Special on Rethinking High School

â€~I didn't feel like I had anyone to ask for support': Why it matters to have teachers who look like me

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The Washington Post

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