



## About the Alliance for Excellent Education

### Every child a high school graduate, prepared for success.

That is the bedrock principle that drives the Alliance for Excellent Education (All4Ed), a Washington, DC–based national nonprofit committed to improving the educational outcomes—and lives—of high school students, especially those underperforming and those historically underserved.

From Latino and African American students in the nation’s largest cities to economically disadvantaged white students in rural areas to homeless students and others who frequently slip through the cracks, All4Ed stands for diversity, equity, and inclusion and advocates on behalf of all students who are underperforming, historically underserved, or discriminated against because of their race, ethnicity, culture, class, sexual orientation, gender identity, or mental and physical abilities.

Currently, the potential of too many of these students goes unrecognized and unrealized. Because these students make up more than half of the nation’s K–12 population, focusing attention and change on their educational needs provides a tremendous opportunity not only to improve individual lives but also to reinvigorate local communities, break the cycle of intergenerational poverty, promote social mobility, and close the large opportunity gap separating so many Americans.

To reach this goal, All4Ed strives to improve thousands of low-performing high schools while simultaneously supporting high expectations, innovation, and school system redesign. The heart of its work focuses on ensuring all students enjoy a high school experience that allows them to identify and build on passions, strengths,

and interests while receiving the comprehensive support they need to develop the academic knowledge and deeper learning skills necessary for success in postsecondary education, training, a career, and life.

### All4Ed integrates three key strategies of policy and advocacy, practice, and partnerships.

All4Ed’s longstanding **policy and advocacy** expertise at the federal and state levels provides research, data, and guidance that support districts to ensure all students receive a high school experience that prepares them for college and a career. For example, All4Ed monitors and supports the implementation of the nation’s main education law, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), at the federal, state, and district levels. It also equips state and local advocates with information about the economic benefits communities, states, and the nation can realize by increasing students’ levels of educational attainment. From its five-minute *Federal Flash* video series and detailed legislative technical assistance for policymakers to its eye-catching motion graphics and publications, All4Ed translates complex research and information into concise, useable materials and delivers them to policymakers, practitioners, advocates, and the public.

Because ESSA has transferred greater responsibility for student outcomes from the federal government to states, school districts, and schools, All4Ed informs local education leaders about the latest evidence-based **practice** to modernize learning environments and implement innovative research-based school



improvement practices. All4Ed's Future Ready Schools® (FRS) is the largest network in the nation, assisting 3,100 school districts and their school leaders as they plan and implement student-centered, research-based digital learning strategies.

All4Ed understands the importance of designing school experiences that incorporate the unique developmental stages of adolescence. Through its deep focus on the science of adolescent learning, All4Ed aligns policy and practice with research and translates this information for wide-scale implementation so school district leaders can create learning conditions that boost college and career readiness for every student.

All4Ed actively engages in building **partnerships** and networks to move from linear to exponential gains for students. Fueled by emerging network theory and technology, human interaction is accelerating and expanding continuously. With ESSA requiring all 14,000 school districts to develop plans for improving thousands of low-performing schools, there is great opportunity to support districts and schools as they modernize education to better prepare students for postsecondary education and the workplace of the future. To support this transition, All4Ed is leading the development of MatchK12™, a collaborative initiative that will match district and school leaders in need of support with innovative education leaders, researchers, and policy and practice experts who can provide ready access to resources that support effective school-level implementation.

By leveraging policy and advocacy, practice, and partnerships, All4Ed ensures that more underperforming and historically underserved students not only graduate from high school, but that they graduate with the knowledge and skills to succeed in college-level classes and postsecondary training. The entire nation gains when many more underperforming and historically underserved students ultimately achieve the higher-paying careers that will provide greater financial success and stability for them, their families, their communities, and the nation.

All4Ed actively is seeking innovative educators, partners, donors, and advocates who believe in the untapped potential of America's underperforming and most underserved youth. With your help, All4Ed can support more school districts in their innovative work to

ensure that all students graduate from high school with an education that prepares them for future success. The time is now.

## How Can You Help?

### Advocate

Contact your school principal, district superintendent, school board members, chief state school officer, state legislator, governor, and members of Congress and advocate for high-quality programs ([all4ed.org/High-School-Solutions/](http://all4ed.org/High-School-Solutions/)) that prepare young people for success in college and a career.

### Communicate

Visit [GraduationEffect.org](http://GraduationEffect.org) for resources that communicate the benefits communities, states, and the nation can realize by increasing students' levels of educational attainment.

### Donate

Support All4Ed's work. Visit [all4ed.org/take-action/donate/](http://all4ed.org/take-action/donate/) to make a tax-deductible donation.



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