

# IT'S TIME TO LEVEL UP THE HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

States must ensure students leave high school with more than a diploma. Students should be able to master core subjects, earn college credit and valued credentials and gain real-world skills. Leveling up means students earn **currency for their future**.



I WANT TO START MY OWN BUSINESS

I CAN HELP

I'M INTERESTED IN STEM

## 1. If states want to...

### MAKE HIGH SCHOOL RELEVANT

Create connections across high school, college and the world of work to produce more authentic experiences

### EMPOWER STUDENTS + GROW TALENT

Equip students with the knowledge, skills and credentials to live, work and thrive in their communities

### FUEL A STRONG STATE ECONOMY

Intentionally incorporate career exploration and work-based learning into the high school experience

## 2. Then high school education must evolve.

Leveling up the high school experience will better connect learning to student aspirations, empowering young adults to choose their path after high school.

## 3. So we can create meaningful opportunities for everyone.

Students must have the agency and ability to design what their success looks like.

### ENROLLMENT

Continue in a postsecondary program to earn a credential of value or degree

### EMPLOYMENT

Use credentials and work-based learning experiences to jumpstart a career

### ENLISTMENT

Enlist in service to expand opportunities while serving our country



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