Connecting to College, Career, and Purpose

LINKED LEARNING® ALLIANCE



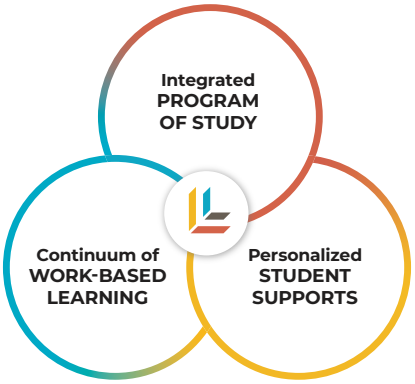
Linked Learning is a proven approach to education that prepares *all* young people for success.

Linked Learning helps you meet students where they are, while expanding their vision of what's possible. By design, Linked Learning engages young people during their *decade of difference,* between ages 14 to 24, when identities and aspirations are taking shape. Students gain the confidence and support they need to succeed in high school, and graduate fully prepared to pursue a full range of postsecondary options—especially the high-growth, high-opportunity careers of the future.

HOW LINKED LEARNING WORKS

Students learn through an education pathway connected to a thriving industry sector such as healthcare, education, environment, and STEM fields. Schools and academies adapt Linked Learning to fit their contexts while maintaining three essential elements:

- **Integrated program of study** that combines rigorous academics with career-technical education through a structured sequence of courses designed to meet both college entrance requirements and industry standards.
- **Continuum of work-based learning** opportunities that provide authentic workplace experience through job shadowing, internships, apprenticeships, and more in partnership with local employers.
- **Personalized student supports** including academic counseling, college and career guidance, and targeted interventions that prepare each student for successful transitions beyond high school.



The intentional integration of these elements sets Linked Learning apart. Educators collaborate across departments and with industry partners toward a shared mission: creating coherent, supportive learning experiences that demonstrate the relevance of education to students' futures.



PROVEN RESULTS

Evidence-based, systemic, and scalable, Linked Learning reaches hundreds of thousands of students across California and beyond—because it *works*. More than a decade of independent research shows that compared to their peers, Linked Learning students:

- Accumulate more credits by the end of high school
- Are less likely to drop out, and more likely to graduate high school
- Are more likely to complete college prep coursework
- Develop the skills, competencies, and social capital needed to succeed after high school

These positive effects are more pronounced among Black and Latinx students and students with low prior achievement—and the latter group are also more likely to enroll in college directly after high school.

> "I would describe my high school experience as an adventure filled with discovery and growth. I was able to discover myself, my passions, and what I'm truly interested in after high school."
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> **Linked Learning Senior, Los Angeles USD**

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The Linked Learning Alliance works at the center of practice, public will, and policy to bring high-quality Linked Learning to scale.

We invite you to discover the ways a new or expanded Linked Learning presence in your schools can elevate quality, impact, and return on your community's investments in the future.

To get started, contact: **pathways@linkedlearning.org**