

Leading a movement to connect all youth to college, career, and purpose



Every young person deserves to determine their own future. The Linked Learning Alliance exists to help make that happen. We support education systems as they engage youth, strengthen workforce readiness, and advance equity and economic justice through Linked Learning. This proven approach to college and career preparation disrupts tracking, a traditional practice that has deepened disparities by forcing students to choose between college-bound academic studies, and training for a trade. Instead, Linked Learning prepares all students for success across the full range of postsecondary possibilities.

Our focus is the decade of difference. From ages 14 to 24, young people form powerful impressions of who they are and what they can do. This is prime time for education systems and communities to support students with intention.

A TIME FOR TRANSFORMATION

Young people are **disconnecting** from learning—high school graduation and college enrollment are declining in some states

Yet people with **BA degrees** earn \$78,000/year compared to \$45,000/year for high school grads

Some states face a shortage of **1.1 million workers** with necessary credentials

This opportunity gap is most daunting for **young people of color** and those living in poverty

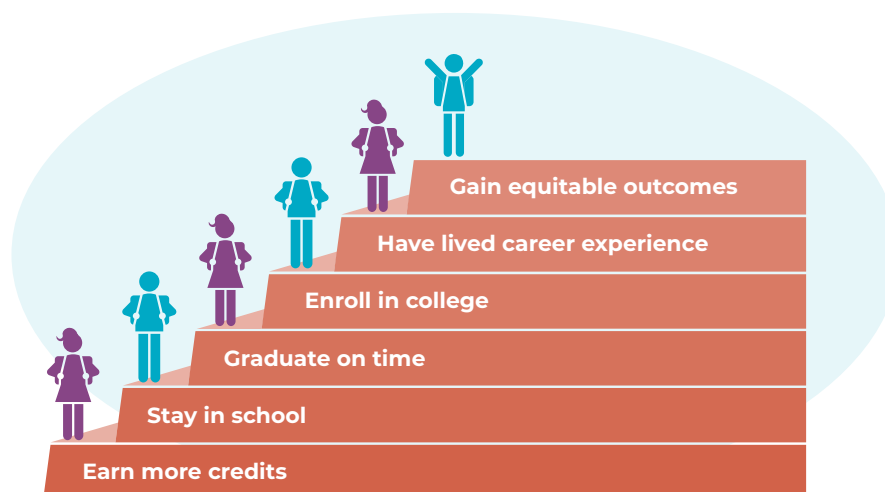
The Educational Approach

Linked Learning integrates rigorous academics with real-world learning and strong support services to prepare all students for success in both college and career. Students learn through an education pathway connected to a high-opportunity industry sector—health care, energy, agricultural science, engineering, information technology, arts and entertainment, advanced manufacturing, design, and more.

Evidence-based, systemic, and scalable, Linked Learning today reaches hundreds of thousands of students across the country. Evidence from over 10 years of independent research shows it results in higher high school graduation rates and lower drop-out rates. Participating students develop the skills, competencies, and social capital they need to thrive after high school. They demonstrate increased readiness to enroll in postsecondary education and do so in higher numbers. And the positive effects are more pronounced among Black and Latinx students and students with low prior achievement—important gains toward equity.

PROVEN RESULTS

Evidence from 10+ years of research shows that compared to their peers in traditional schooling, **Linked Learning students:**



Advancing the Movement

For nearly 15 years, the Linked Learning Alliance has led and facilitated a far-reaching network of K–12 districts, higher education institutions, and employers dedicated to establishing accelerated, seamless learning experiences that lead to high-opportunity careers.

THE LINKED LEARNING FIELD

1,000s

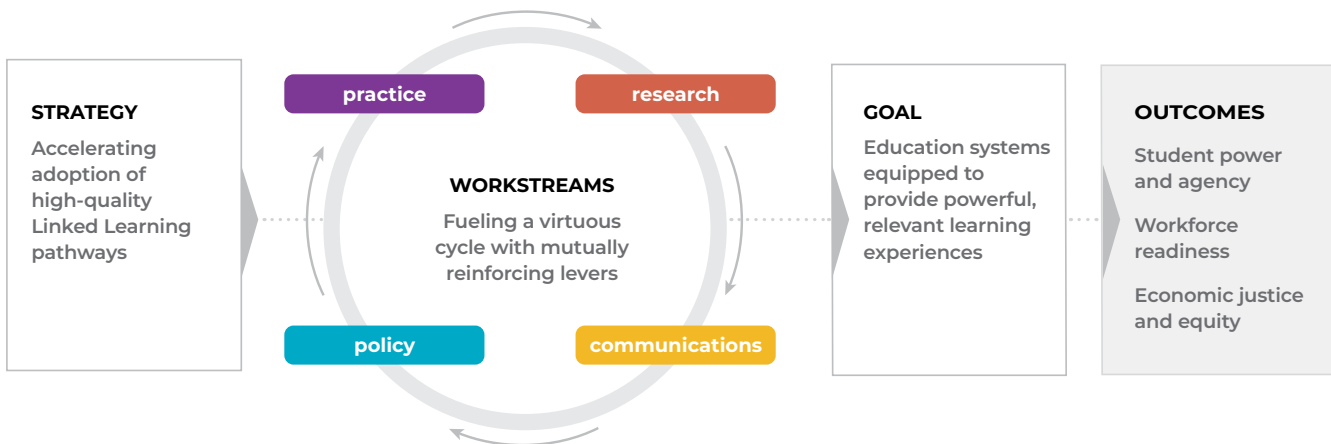
of educators, industry partners,
community leaders

200,000+
students

California
and beyond

Our Impact Model

The Alliance's role is to support the rigor and improvement of Linked Learning practice, research that establishes evidence and informs learning, communication that enhances public understanding and brings student and educator voices to the fore, and the policy and resources needed for success.



Each Alliance workstream involves multiple activities, which are interrelated and mutually reinforcing:

practice	research	communications	policy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High-quality implementation Capacity building Hosting convenings and communities of practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leading and commissioning studies Disseminating findings Data ecosystem support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaging communities Partnering across sectors Amplifying student and educator voices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing political champions Advocating for resources and enabling policies Informing policy with practice



“Going through the certification process gave our requests for district or site support credibility... The definition of an excellent program provided by the Linked Learning Alliance allowed us to get reforms much faster and further than I thought possible.”

Linked Learning Gold Pathway Practitioner

Targeted Outcomes

Together with our partners across the network, the Linked Learning Alliance is pursuing a set of targeted outcomes—with a focus on students and communities today underserved by educational systems and institutions.

FOR YOUTH AND EDUCATION

Higher high school graduation rates

Increased youth readiness for postsecondary

Increased workforce readiness

Higher postsecondary enrollment rates

Increased postsecondary credential rates

Increased family-sustaining income rates by age 25

FOR COMMUNITY

More skilled, qualified workforce

Improved education, health outcomes

Reduced welfare and criminal justice system expenditures

Increased employment rates in higher wage jobs

Increased economic growth in engaged communities



“Part of going through a pathway is learning that you can have an impact in a way you didn't know was possible.”

Linked Learning alumni,
Bowie State University student

OUR VISION

One million young people in high-quality Linked Learning pathways within the next decade.

A brighter, better future starts with students—and you.

Your partnership can help bring Linked Learning to life for more students during their decade of difference. For themselves, for their communities, and for the future we share.

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