Partnerships to Align Education and Careers

When schools and colleges partner with industries of strategic importance in their states, more students are prepared for in-demand jobs and more employers can meet their workforce needs.

Actions for states, schools and businesses

**Industry partnerships**
Bring together employers in related businesses sectors with educators in local schools and colleges.

**In-demand careers**
Focus on career pathways for good jobs available in local regions of the state.

**Committed leadership**
Convene the many agencies, councils and boards to help them agree on a path forward.

**Work-based learning**
State policies can promote a continuum of experiences from middle grades through postsecondary.

**Strategic funding**
Align funds from federal, state and private sources toward the same goals.

**Educator capacity**
Build the skills of teachers, counselors and principals to help students explore and prepare for careers.