

The State of Education in Delaware:

Our Journey

2005



Delaware's schools are not meeting expectations.

- 70% of early childhood programs are rated mediocre or poor
- Greater than 5% high school dropout rate annually
- Delaware academic standards not nationally benchmarked
- Minimum standards for entering teaching profession are far too low
- Lots of data, but not effectively used or accessible

2006



A coalition of education, government, business, and civic leaders throughout Delaware comes together to establish Vision 2015, a bold plan to provide a world-class education to all public school students in Delaware. Recommendations include:

- Invest in early childhood education
- Raise academic standards
- Improve teacher quality
- Build links to college and career

2007



Delaware makes early progress supporting teachers and families.

- Vision Network of 30 schools launches focused on developing high-performing teams of leaders in schools
- Delaware establishes Stars quality rating and improvement system to support early learning
- Higher academic standards set by state
- Statewide data policies and systems developed
- Improved teacher preparation policies proposed
- Lowest-performing schools given more support and resources
- New pipelines of strong teachers and leaders built for the highest needs schools
- The state educator evaluation system is strengthened

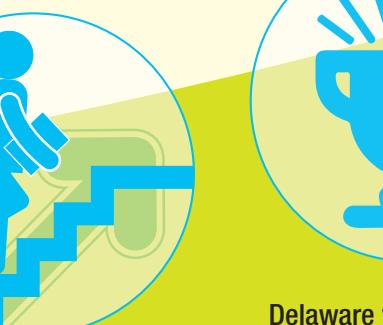
2010



Delaware earns \$119M to bolster student achievement as part of "Race to the Top."

- Delaware invests an additional \$22M in early learning, and state receives \$49M as part of federal Early Learning Challenge
- SAT begins to be offered free to all 11th graders
- 11 schools begin to offer world language immersion programs in Spanish and Mandarin Chinese

2011



Real traction on the Vision 2015 plan begins to take hold.

- The Education Commission of the States awards Delaware the Frank Newman State Innovation Award for its improvement efforts
- The Data Quality Campaign recognizes Delaware for building one of the most robust student data systems in the U.S.
- National Council on Teacher Quality recognizes Delaware's newly increased teacher preparation standards

Jennifer Stoner, Parent

"My child benefits from being in a Delaware Stars program because it helps him learn skills that will help him in kindergarten and the rest of his education."

—Jennifer Stoner, Parent
Milford Central Academy

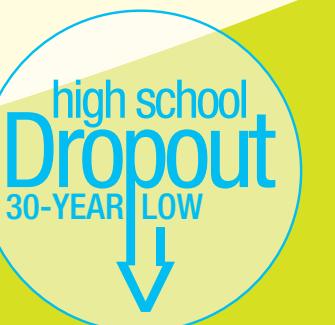
2013



Delaware wins national recognition for its efforts.

- More than 2,025 individual Delawareans engaged in the process
- The plan builds on the success of Vision 2015 while acknowledging that much is still left to be done
- "ED25" establishes a "North Star" for all students who will compete in an increasingly global world

2014



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2015



"When I think about the Common Core standards, I think about how I want my students to approach math. If we can get students to challenge themselves, their peers, and take ownership in their learning, they will become more productive members of society."

—Jesse Parsley, Special Education Teacher
Cape Henlopen High School

Building toward our future...
because the world isn't slowing down

Education does not exist in a vacuum, and the world isn't going to slow down and wait for our kids to catch up. We are continuing our work through ED25 because we need to collectively address these issues so our students can be successful in a changing world. We have an exciting opportunity to design the future rather than watch it happen.

Global competition

Advancements in technology



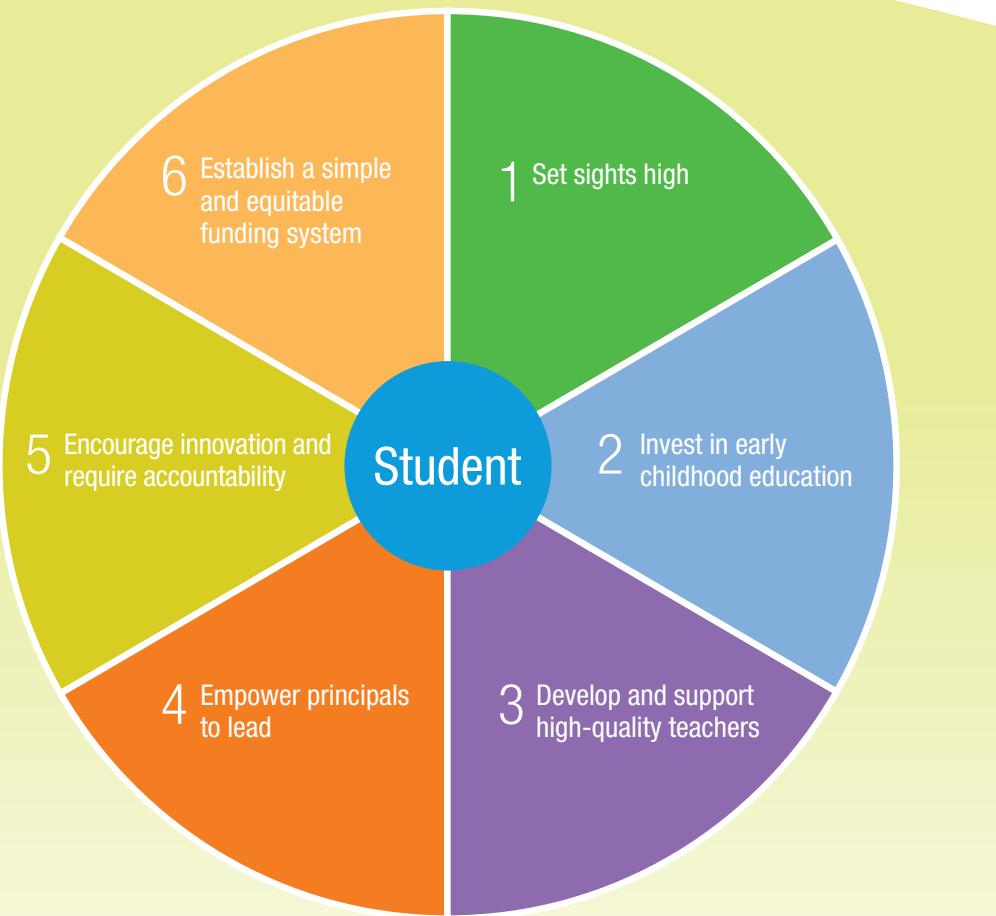
Increased complexity

Rapid pace of change

Changing demographics

Constrained resources

The Vision 2015 Plan



Since it was created in 2006, Vision 2015 has grown from an idea, to a cause, to an agent for change. Shaped by teachers, parents, and leaders from across the state, Vision 2015 set a goal of building the best education system in the world for every Delaware student. The vision was emphatic and clear: We must demand excellent schools... no exceptions, no excuses. Together we must offer a great education for every student in Delaware. The resulting Vision 2015 plan was clear and inspiring, focusing on six major system improvements.

How you can
learn more and help.
Join us.

Collectively, we have a tall task: To prepare our students for careers, further education, and citizenship in a world we cannot predict. We have the will and ability to give every student a world-class education. Please join us as we take the next step on this journey.

Learn more by visiting www.visioncoalitionde.org and <http://ED25.MindMixer.com>, and look for our new plan in early 2015!

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