



The Vision Coalition of Delaware is a public-private partnership composed of a broad range of Delawareans who work together to improve Delaware public education.

The coalition’s leadership developed the Vision 2015 plan in 2006. Ten years later, with Delaware moving on more than 75 percent of the recommendations from that plan, the Vision Coalition collaborated with Delawareans to develop a new 10-year plan.

Starting in January 2014, 4,000 Delawareans shared their ideas, perspectives, and opinions during the plan development process. The result is Student Success 2025. The goal of Student Success 2025 is to prepare every Delaware student for a lifetime of success. As of January 2024, the state has made progress on 70 percent of the recommendations from this roadmap.



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2024 Strategic Priorities



Invest in Early Care and Education

- Invest in state-supported child care (Purchase of Care) at the cost of care; reduce family co-payments; and expand family eligibility
- Support Governor's investment in state pre-K (ECAP)

Advance Fair Funding

- Educate the public on school funding system and catalyze action on the independent assessment published by American Institutes for Research (AIR)
- Fund mental health in schools and school-based health centers
- Increase minor capital funding to support healthy and safe school environments
- Support full funding of Opportunity Funding for low-income, special needs, and multilingual learner students
- Invest in learning acceleration, including high-dosage tutoring, high-quality instructional materials, and teacher support



Increase Educator Recruitment and Retainment

- Increase starting salaries for educators, teacher leaders, and specialists to bolster recruitment and retention efforts
- Increase funding for new educator mentoring
- Increase the recruitment and retention of educators of color by strengthening high school educator academies, expanding educator residencies, and redesigning support for new and current educators of color
- Streamline required trainings for educators

Expand Postsecondary Success

- Expand career awareness and exploration to middle school
- Continue expanding career pathways from 26,000 students to 32,000 students (80% of Delaware high schoolers)
- Increase opportunities for students in work-based learning experiences, youth apprenticeships, and to earn credit toward college and certifications while still in high school



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