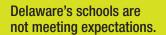
The State of Education in Delaware:





- 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

ISION

A coalition of education.

Delaware comes together

to establish Vision 2015, a

bold plan to provide a world-

class education to all public

school students in Delaware.

• Invest in early childhood education

• Build links to college and career

Recommendations include:

Raise academic standards

Improve teacher quality

2006

Delaware makes early progress supporting teachers and families. government, business, and • Vision Network of 30 schools civic leaders throughout

launches focused on developing high-performing teams of leaders in schools

2007

 Delaware establishes Stars quality rating and improvement system to support early learning



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

- 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 highestneed schools
- The state educator evaluation system is strengthened

2011

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

- 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



efits from being in a Delaware Stars program because it helps him learn kills that will help him in kindergarten and

ennifer Stoner. Parent

Delaware wins national recognition for its efforts. • The Education Commission of

the States awards Delaware the Frank Newman State Innovation Award for its improvement efforts

2013

- 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



high school

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30-YEAR LOW

Delaware high school dropout rate reaches 30-year low; public provides input on new "ED25" draft plan.

• All of the state's college-ready high school seniors apply to at least one institution of higher learning

• Vision Coalition begins planning "A Vision for Education in Delaware in 2025" (ED25)

25

Vision Coalition releases "A Vision for Education in Delaware in 2025" (ED25) plan to the public.

- 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

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.



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peers, and take ownership in their learning, they will become more productive members of societv."

-Jesse Parsley, Special Education Teacher Milford Central Academy

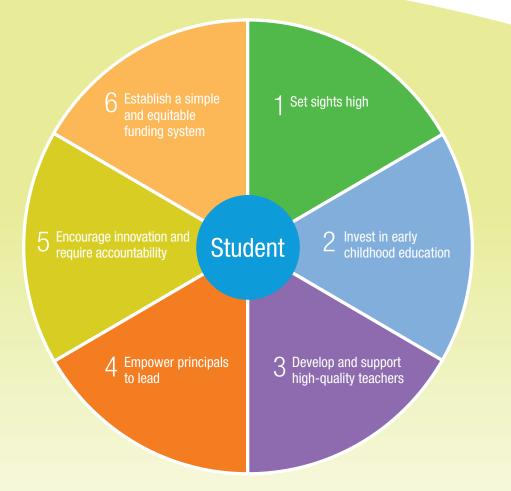


"We know that post-secondary ducation is crucial for 21st entury students. Much mphasis is being placed on encouraging all students to plan for and apply to colleges.

Ultimately the goal is not just to get students into college, but to empower them and help ensure their post-secondary and career success.'

-Joel Simon, Ed.D., School Counselor Cape Henlopen High School

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!





In 2006, a broad cross-section of Delaware's leaders

came together with a singular goal in mind—create the best schools in the world for every student in Delaware. To accomplish this, the

Vision 2015 plan was created by a 28-member Steering Committee, composed of educators, community leaders, business representatives,

Together, we've accomplished much of the original plan in less than a decade, motivated by the desire to see every student reach his or her

potential and to ensure our public education system is improving every

Think about the children who entered first grade this fall. What skills will

they need to gain in the next ten years to prepare them for the world that awaits them? This question guides our next phase of work as we

We're motivated by this challenge and excited about the work we have done thus far in developing "A Vision for Education in Delaware in 2025," also known as "ED25." Thousands of Delawareans have weighed in on

the draft plan, including students, families, educators, community-based

organizations, policymakers, foundations, faith communities, criminal

justice communities, higher education, and more. We look forward to

As chair of the Vision Coalition of Delaware, I hope you will join us in our efforts to prepare every Delaware student for a lifetime of success.

and leading public officials from across the state.

build on the foundation of the Vision 2015 plan.

sharing the final version publicly in early 2015.

year and striving to be world-class.

Ernest J. Dianastasis Chair, Vision Coalition Managing Director, CAI

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