

Change One Room: School Reform for the 21st Century

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Policy Question: How can state policy support school reform efforts that create learning environments relevant to the social, economic and global workforce realities of the 21st century?

Response: State policy can support school reform efforts that create 21st century learning environments by incentivizing, recognizing and rewarding schools that implement student-driven learning.

Recommended Actions:

1. Use a statewide initiative called "Change One Room" to challenge schools (early childhood, basic and postsecondary) to create learning environments that foster innovation and personalized learning for educators and students.
2. Leverage federal policies and funding, such as the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act, to support personalized learning and competency-based education.
3. Revise the School Performance Profile (SPP) to focus on student growth rather than solely on student achievement.
4. Use the PA Inspired Leadership (PIL) Program to teach school principals and administrators how to create student-driven learning environments and to encourage teachers to use student-driving learning techniques.
5. Encourage schools at all educational levels to adopt integrated curricula taught by cross-discipline teams of teachers.
6. Implement competency-based programs that allow students of any level to advance upon subject mastery.
7. Emphasize student-driven learning strategies in all educator preparation programs and require educator candidates to participate in team-teaching as part of pre-service field experience.

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