

RESOURCES FOR STATE LEADERS

[Common Good Forecaster](#) This web-based tool allows users to predict for a particular state or county how things might change if their community if educational outcomes were better or worse. Predictions can be made for individuals in four areas, including education, financial stability, and health and community involvement.

NCSL Helps States Improve College Completion_ The [National Conference of State Legislatures](#) has received a grant from the Lumina Foundation to continue its work on higher education funding and policy reform. Project staff will work with state legislators and their staff to explore policy solutions that can dramatically increase college completion rates. [Link](#)

ECS Launches Community College Policy Center The [Education Commission of the States](#) has joined with the Academy for Education Development and Iowa State University to establish the Community College Policy Center, a one-stop resource for information and policy research on how states can leverage the work of community colleges to expand educational opportunity. [Link](#)

Common Core State Standards Initiative

<http://www.corestandards.org/>

National Governors Association Center for Best Practices and the Council of Chief State School Officers. The Common Core State Standards Initiative is a joint effort by governors and state commissioners of education from across the country committed to joining a state-led process to develop a common core of state standards in English-language arts and mathematics for grades K-12.