

Preview
Student Success 2025
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We're on the right track

We've made great progress.
With even more, Delaware can lead the nation.

Delaware Education Accomplishments (2006–2014)

- ✓ Increased student achievement on a more rigorous state assessment
- ✓ More kids going to college than ever before
- ✓ A 30-year low in the dropout rate
- ✓ More high school students taking—and passing—college courses during high school
- ✓ More access to quality early learning opportunities
- ✓ Better career and leadership opportunities for educators
- ✓ Two-time top winner of Race to the Top competitions, bringing extra federal resources into our early learning and K–12 systems
- ✓ 75% of the recommendations put forth by Vision 2015 have been addressed.

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Early Learning Progress to Date (selected examples)

2005-06 (when Vision 2015 was developed)	Today
Stars did not exist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong participation rates, particularly for programs with children on Purchase of Care • Well established technical assistance • Movement up quality rating scale
No compensation initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CORE awards and more scholarships to support the workforce
Screenings uncoordinated and not covered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screenings covered by insurance • State systems, tracking, and coordination with services in place
No central governance/coordination function and limited data systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office of Early Learning established with leadership from Kids' Dept • Data systems building underway
Limited strategies to bring early learning and K-12 systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 Readiness Teams across the state • Early Learner Survey • Efforts focused on curriculum and assessment

But we have more work to do

Only about a third of students are reading or doing math at grade level.

Achievement gaps remain high.

College completion rates are too low.

Resources are constrained and inflexible.

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Process and Timeline

January
2014

September
2015



- Surveyed and interviewed Delawareans
- Gathered national and international research and best practices
- Established a Steering Committee

- Convened working groups to develop recommendations
- Gathered feedback from national and international experts
- Developed a draft vision to share

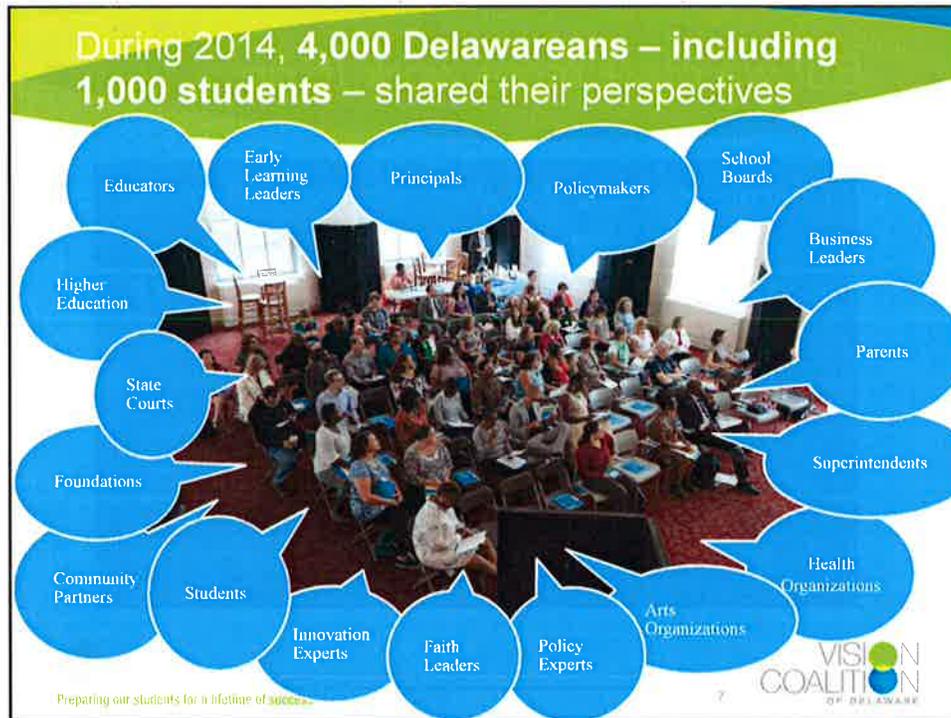
- Building on vision, Delawareans from across the state shared their perspectives
- Provided broad forums and other opportunities for Delawareans to imagine the future of education

- Incorporated public input and feedback into the draft plan
- Explored recommendations at annual conference
- Publicly release the final plan, September 2015

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Engagement of Early Learning Community

- Representation on **Leadership Team, Steering Committee, and Working Groups**
- Dozens of **public conversations** including
 - Stars Technical Assistants Meeting
 - Early Childhood Council Goal 2 Meeting
 - Early Childhood Council
- **Community Conversations**: Two meetings per county throughout June – August 2014 with strong attendance from the early learning community
- Seventh Annual **Conference** on Education, with breakout session on birth to 3rd grade strategies
- MindMixer, an **online platform** for idea sharing

Thank you for your contributions!

Highlights of What We've Heard

- Support for excellent educators
- Parent/family and community involvement
 - A whole child approach



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- Equitable funding
- Growing pockets of success to improve education system-wide



What We've Heard From Students

Students say they...

- Go to school in order to **graduate** and go to college
- Want to learn **skills** and get a job
- Appreciate **relevance** to their lives
- Want **exposure** to college and career connections
- Learn most when they are engaged using videos, debates, real world or **personalized** examples



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Moving the Vision to Education in Delaware Forward



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A "North Star" for Our Students

The beacon for our vision to improve public schools for every Delaware student

What skills and attributes does an **educated Delawarean** need to have in 2025?



- Passion for Learning**
Critical thinking • Creativity • Innovation • Drive
- Commitment to Community**
Collaboration • Empathy • Integrity • Problem solving
- Multi-Level Communicator**
Writing and speaking • Analysis • Foreign language proficiency • Empirical intelligence
- Entrepreneurial Spirit**
Global awareness • Adaptability • Persistence • Entrepreneurship

CORE ACADEMIC KNOWLEDGE

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Student Success 2025: What it Will Take Recommendations in Six Core Areas

Core Areas to Achieve
Student Success 2025



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Early Learning Themes

- Continued focus on **mixed delivery system** of community, district, and private providers
- Strengthen use of **screenings** and provide interventions
- Increased investment in **Stars and Tiered reimbursement**
- Greater focus on **workforce needs and supports**, including compensation
- Expand **home visiting** access
- Establish voluntary **preK** – full-day with quality standards– that would be delivered through community and district-based providers (the way ECAP is today)
- Continue to build **birth to third grade** systems, standards, and transitions

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Student Success 2025 Progress Underway

Expansion of language immersion programs
8,000 students to be in K-8 immersion programs by 2020

Expanded dual enrollment and AP course offerings
More than doubled the number of students taking and passing Advanced Placement exams since 2000

Improved teacher mentoring
Grants given to 15 LEAs in 2015-16 for locally-designed induction program serving 1,200 novice educators

Blended learning and one-to-one initiatives
75,000 students on statewide platform, Schoology

Early childhood quality improvements
58% of low income children enrolled in high quality programs

Teacher candidate residency programs
to serve dozens of candidates in year-long in-classroom experience next year

Districts launching new career pathways
Grants given to launch pathways in 15 schools in IT, manufacturing, and hospitality



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What's Next

- Join us for the **Launch of Student Success 2025:** September 16th, 10 a.m. at Delaware Technical Community College – Dover Campus
- Save the Date for the **annual conference, October 28** at Clayton Hall, Newark– and register for the “action session” on early learning
- **Early Childhood Council continuing to play a leadership role in implementing the recommendations of the plan**

Visit www.visioncoalitionde.org to register for the Launch and for more information

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