

Next Generation Learning Community

Next Generation Learning Communities (NGLCs) are regional alliances of K–12 schools, businesspeople, postsecondary educators, and community leaders, mobilized to reform education and stimulate local economic development. Ford Motor Company Fund, the philanthropic arm of the Ford Motor Company, identifies and supports communities that want to transform the high school experience around relevance while transforming teaching and learning in the process.

THE 12 BEST PRACTICES OF NGLCs

- Senior-Level Business/Civic/Education Partnership is Established to Use These 12 Best Practices to Develop a Community Career Academy Master Plan
- Regional Economic and Workforce Projections are Used to Prioritize Career Academy Selection Within the Master Plan and Employer–Educator Councils are Formed to Match Employee Demand with Education Supply
- Community Seeks Out or Develops Academically Rigorous Advanced Career/Technical Education Offerings and Programs of Study Following Guidelines Set Forth in Perkins IV (Federal Funding for CTE)
- Community Employs Career Cluster Entrepreneurs to Rally and Align Business Support
- Career Academy Evaluations Support Continuous Improvement
- District Centralizes All Programs Likely to Involve Business (Magnet, Choice, Small Learning Community, Career Academy, and Career/Technical Education Operations) under One Leader/Department
- Perkins, Small Learning Community, and Grant Funding Are Channeled to Launch New Career Academies
- Community Looks to Identify and Collaborate with a Growing List of State and National Career Academy Supporters
- Community Develops a Career Academy Marketing Plan to Build Awareness and Support Among Parents, Students, Business, and within the Education Community and Gathers Data to Support This Plan
- Business Leaders Representing Each Prioritized Career Cluster Constitute an Ongoing Business Advisory Board to Align Business Support for Academies
- Successful Communities Understand, Defend, and Fund Career Academy Essentials
- Articulation Plans Cement Postsecondary Partnerships



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