Illinois 60 by 25 Network

Newcomers Orientation

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Why “60 by 25”?  

The Illinois P-20 Council has set a goal to ensure that 60% of all Illinois adults have a high-quality college degree or postsecondary credential by 2025. Right now, Illinois is at 55.2%
Network Organizers

Advance Illinois
Every Student World Ready

Education Systems Center
Northern Illinois University

ISAC
Illinois Student Assistance Commission
Our Network Goal

To support communities to increase meaningful and equitable postsecondary attainment.
Leadership Communities

Aurora Regional Pathways to Prosperity
Black Hawk Region Pathways
Boone County
East Side Aligned
Enlace Chicago
Evanston
Lake County
Making Opportunities Real for Everyone (MORE) in the
Mississippi and Rock River Region
McLean County
NCI/Starved Rock Region
Northwest Educational Council for Student Success (NECSS)
OAI/Rich Township District 227
Peoria Pathways to Prosperity
Rockford
Sangamon County Continuum of Learning
Thrive Chicago
Vandalia ONE
Vermilion County
Leadership Community Expectations

- Data for continuous improvement
- Define a geographic community
- Identify a trusted intermediary organization
- Develop a plan to implement key strategies
- Document a partnership
Who’s at the table?

Documented partnership must include:

- Employers
- Workforce boards
- Education
- Municipal leadership
- Community-based organizations
Leadership Community Supports

- Manage peer-to-peer learning and action network
- Provide technical assistance on collective impact and strategies to reach postsecondary attainment
- Gather and curate critical data
- Serve as a conduit for financial support to communities (mini-grants)
Cradle to Career Dashboard

Resources

Education Attainment

Focus Indicators

EQUITY FIRST: BUILDING TOWARD A BETTER FUTURE AND REVITALIZING LEARNING
Scale of the Network

273,234
Public high school students in Leadership Communities statewide

45%
of public high school students statewide

167,815
Public high school students in Leadership Communities outside Chicago

34%
of all high school students outside of Chicago
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Advancing Equity: Student Advisory Council

Goal: To better understand the experiences of young people in the systems Network Organizers are trying to improve.

Members participate in up to 3 meetings per year & annual conference.

Planning for Life After High School: Tips from the SAC
Network Impact
Leadership Communities Drive Policy Implementation

Public Act 99-0674 (HB 5729)

Signed by Governor in 2016

Four Components:

- Postsecondary and Career Expectations (PaCE)
- College & Career Pathway Endorsements (CCPE)
- Pilot of Competency-Based High School Graduation Requirements
- Scaling of 12th Grade Transitional Courses
Celebrating Student Success

Illinois Community Colleges remedial math enrollment fell at both the Network (-18.5% pts.) and State (-11.7% pts.) levels between the classes of 2013 and 2019.

Data estimates calculated by EdSystems
Source: Illinois Report Card

- 60 by 25 Network
- Illinois

* Includes two additional communities (Boone County and Black Hawk Region)
Celebrating Student Success

Relative to the entire state, the Network had higher rates of 2019 12th grade students starting a FAFSA application (70.2% versus 67.4%) and completing an application (67.6% versus 65.1%)

Note: ISAC uses prior year ACT test takers as its approximate denominator
Why participate in the Network?

- Supportive structure for collaboration across education, workforce, & community partners
- Be on the cutting edge of education and workforce policy implementation
- Help inform State policy through innovative local practice
- Potential to receive funding for local efforts
Thank You