

Matrix of Partner Initiatives

Coalition of Essential Schools

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The Coalition of Essential Schools (CES) is a national network of schools, regional centers and a national office that share a common set of principles about the purpose and practice of schooling. CES supports innovative school designs (particularly small schools and classrooms), more personalized instructional methods, multiple and alternative performance assessments, and close partnerships between schools and communities. To advance its principles, CES provides national networking and professional development activities (e.g. Fall Forum and CES University), conducts school-based research and advocates for related school policies. With hundreds of local school affiliates and centers, CES is also engaged in the direct application of its common principles.

	Research	Policy	Practice	Public Engagement
Innovations & restructuring	X	X	X	X
Academic standards & assessment	X	X	X	X
Preparation of teachers, principals & youth workers	X	X	X	
Relevant and connected learning experiences	X	X	X	
Alignment of secondary & post-secondary education				
Active, powerful, & knowledgeable communities	X	X	X	
Personalization & support for high school-aged youth	X	X	X	X