

# NCSL Elements of World-Class Education Systems

# 9 Building Blocks for a World-Class Education System

**Element #1:** Children come to school ready to learn, and extra support is given to struggling students so that all have the opportunity to achieve high standards



**Building Block #1:** Provide strong supports for children and their families before students arrive at school



**Building Block #2:** Provide more resources for at-risk students than for others

**Element #2:** A world-class teaching profession supports a world-class instructional system, where every student has access to highly effective teachers and is expected to succeed



**Building Block #3:** Develop world-class, highly coherent instructional systems



**Building Block #4:** Create clear gateways for students through the system, set to global standards, with no dead ends



**Building Block #5:** Assure an abundant supply of highly qualified teachers



**Building Block #6:** Redesign schools to be places in which teachers will be treated as professionals, with incentives and support to continuously improve their professional practice and the performance of their students



**Building Block #8:** Create a leadership development system that develops leaders at all levels to manage such systems effectively

**Element #3:** A highly effective, intellectually rigorous system of career and technical education is available to those preferring an applied education



**Building Block #7:** Create an effective system of career and technical education and training

**Element #4:** Individual reforms are connected and aligned as parts of a clearly planned and carefully designed comprehensive system



**Building Block #9:** Institute a governance system that has the authority and legitimacy to develop coherent, powerful policies and is capable of implementing them at scale