

# Maryland Education Commission Main Policy Areas

# 9 Building Blocks for a World-Class Education System

Early Childhood  
Education



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

Ample Supply of  
High Quality and  
Diverse Teachers  
and School Leaders



**5:** Assure an abundant supply of highly qualified teachers



**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



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

College and  
Career Readiness  
Pathways



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



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



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

More Resources for  
At-risk Students



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

Governance and  
Accountability



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