

K-12 EDUCATION

PPC Goal: Ensure each child in Pennsylvania has the opportunity for an adequate and equitable high-quality public education.

All children in Pennsylvania deserve to be provided an adequate and equitable high-quality public education, regardless of the zip code they live in. This includes equipping students with supports to meet their special education needs and focuses on building skills to successfully graduate, transition to higher education or enter the workforce career ready.



POLICY PRIORITIES:

- 1. Ensure adequate state funding for career and technical education (CTE) so that every child who is interested can participate.**
 - a. Continue to drive increased investments into the state CTE subsidy and equipment grant lines.
 - b. Publicly produce disaggregated CTE data that is consumable and identifies future policy solutions.
 - c. Modernize career exploration process and CTE curriculum to ensure that programming is meeting economic needs.
 - d. Develop a formal CTE coalition that includes a diverse stakeholder community that focuses on increasing student access and CTE support.
 - e. Research how CTE can meet workforce needs, by creating a pipeline to child serving roles (i.e. human services).
- 2. Support increased investments in basic education, adequacy targets, and special education funding as well as evaluate and recommend strategies to address and advance adequacy and equity.**
 - a. Support increased investments through the enacted basic education funding, adequacy funding, and special education funding to ensure adequate, effective, and equitable support is provided to school districts.
 - b. Advocate for expanded universal free lunch, so that all children have access to nutritious meals without stigma of participation.
 - c. Support the expansion of the School Based ACCESS Program so that all Medicaid-enrolled students have access to adequate mental health services and other medically necessary services in the school-setting. Additionally, monitor the state's Technical Assistance Grant and explore reimbursement for universal prevention and secondary intervention services known as Tier 1 and Tier 2 services.