When Researchers Have Access to Data, Students Succeed

When policymakers and researchers work together to answer questions about education, students and schools do better. That’s because research is more than an academic exercise. It creates discoveries that have a direct impact on the students of today and tomorrow. Smart state and federal investments in research and data pay off—in both innovations and student outcomes.

RESEARCH IS ABOUT ANSWERING QUESTIONS

Policymakers have questions about our schools. How do we keep students from dropping out? What can we do to retain the best teachers? With access to quality data and the training to use and safeguard it, researchers can help find answers and solutions.

RESEARCH SUPPORTS INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS

Data-driven research is behind many of the tools and strategies that help educators engage, teach, and guide students—from early warning systems to personalized learning.

RESEARCH INFORMS BETTER DECISIONS

Data-driven research helps states make better policy investments, like choosing an effective curriculum or developing an early childhood program that prepares students for success.

RESEARCH BUILDS KNOWLEDGE FOR THE FUTURE

Data-driven research helps educators and policymakers understand emerging issues and challenge conventional practices.

HERE’S HOW RESEARCH CAN BE USED...

BY POLICYMAKERS
Research helps answer policymakers’ questions and identify programs that are a good use of state funds and resources.

BY PARENTS
Families rely on research to help make decisions about which schools and programs are the best fit to support their child’s goals.

BY EDUCATORS
Research leads to effective tools, like early warning systems that help educators keep at-risk students on track.

BY HIGHER-ED LEADERS
Research shows postsecondary leaders how students move through their schools so they can better prepare them to graduate.

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