

## District Career & College Readiness Supports

In response to a need for guidance on implementing quality, inclusive career and college readiness (CCR) programs, the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) created a CCR toolkit for districts and schools with Midwest Comprehensive Center (MWCC) support. Now, MWCC is helping with the dissemination, implementation, and continuous improvement of the toolkit with an emphasis on equitable and inclusive practices.

### What are we doing?

- Cocreating a plan to provide ongoing technical assistance to districts and schools during dissemination of the toolkit
- Codeveloping a process for soliciting, analyzing, and synthesizing ongoing stakeholder feedback on the content and usability of the toolkit
- Cocreating a virtual platform to serve as a central hub where stakeholders can access the toolkit

### Expected outcomes

- MDE rolls out the CCR toolkit for statewide use.
- Districts and schools access the CCR toolkit to support their CCR and World's Best Workforce planning.
- MDE is prepared to continuously improve the CCR toolkit using stakeholder feedback.

## Standards Portal

To help teachers implement standards, MDE created an online portal that supports districts and schools as they develop a standards-based system of instruction. Building on work started during the past year, MWCC is helping to complete the portal, identify cross-content best practices, and gather and analyze stakeholder feedback.

### What are we doing?

- Providing thought partnership and content expertise
- Supporting MDE in implementing its continuous improvement plan and gathering and analyzing stakeholder feedback
- Supporting development of new standards portal content through regular planning meetings and review of resources

### Expected outcomes

- MDE can better support schools and districts in implementing state content standards using the portal as revised by stakeholder feedback.
- MDE implements a continuous improvement plan to modify and improve the portal.

## Evidence-Based Practices

MDE is developing a user-friendly list of evidence-based practices to support schools and districts across the state—especially those identified for comprehensive support and improvement under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). MWCC facilitated a training in September 2018 to teach MDE staff how to interpret existing studies using ESSA's evidence tiers. Now, MWCC is providing more intensive support to build the department's capacity to review and classify evidence-based practices.

### What are we doing?

- Engaging with MDE staff to determine ESSA evidence tiers for the department's proposed list of practices
- Facilitating a virtual training on the ESSA evidence tiers and their application for regional staff
- Providing a webinar series on evidence for districts

### Expected outcomes

- MDE staff have a better understanding of the requirements for evidence-based practices under ESSA.
- MDE staff have the knowledge and skills needed to review practices using ESSA evidence standards.