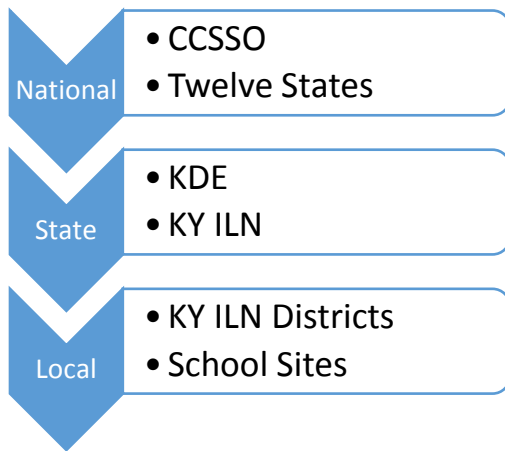


## Kentucky Innovation Lab Network (KYILN)

In 2010, Kentucky was invited by the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) to be one of the six inaugural states that formed the Innovation Lab Network (ILN). That network has grown to twelve states and includes California, Colorado, Idaho, Kentucky, Maine, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oregon, Virginia, Vermont, West Virginia and Wisconsin. Each state in the ILN is then asked to identify local districts to participate in a state level network that mirrors the national network.



The KY ILN brings together the most innovative school and district educators, state agency leaders, researchers, and educational experts to discuss what needs to change in our education system, how to do it, and why various innovative strategies are necessary in today's schools.

### What are the benefits of the KY ILN?

In addition to a collaborative space to share innovative strategies, The KYILN provides resources and support to your district in carrying out your innovative strategies. This support includes technical assistance, professional learning opportunities, access to key national innovative school models and opportunities to work on policy changes designed to open more doors to innovative practices. This support comes from a variety of partners that includes the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), CCSSO, The Fund for Transforming Education, the National Center for Innovation in

Education (CIE), and other partnerships.

The national ILN, and thus the KY ILN, believes that the education system we strive for, one in which we are supporting every student to be college/career ready must have several critical attributes, including:

- ✓ a focus on world class knowledge and skills
- ✓ performance based assessment
- ✓ personalized learning
- ✓ anytime/anywhere learning
- ✓ student agency
- ✓ comprehensive systems of support.

The goal for the ILN is the same as the goals we have in Kentucky: for all students to graduate from high school with knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary to enter and succeed in college or career training without remediation in either pathway, and to be prepared for citizenship. We believe that core knowledge, coupled with global competency and 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, promote strong civic engagement.

The KYILN aims to bring together leaders across Kentucky in order to:

- Strengthen the capacity to identify and drive policy changes
- Commit to creating personalized learning pathways
- Expand the use of models of Competency Based Learning/Learning Progressions
- Expand CCR to include assessing skills and dispositions

You will have an opportunity to meet notable speakers, and exchange innovative ideas and best practices to shift towards social innovation across the commonwealth. You will also have an opportunity to actively network and promote future collaboration with other participants. These opportunities will take the form of monthly Skype for Business meetings, quarterly special topic Skype for Business meetings, organized visits to innovative school sites around the country, as well as face-to-face convenings. We recommend that you and your chief academic officer participate in the Skype for Business meetings and other convenings and that other members of your staff participate based on the content of the learning opportunity.