

Key Connection Champions to Include in Alignment

K-12 Representatives

- Associate superintendents, deputies, or upper management individuals in the state education agency who are directly responsible for the implementation of standards and assessments
- Staff member(s) in the state education agency who lead the development of high school mathematics and English standards and assessments
- High school teachers who have a depth of experience in transitioning students from high school to postsecondary - They may be recognized as leading “expert teachers” and are actively engaged in state level high school reform efforts. They may lead programs that focus on preparing middle and high school students for college (e.g., GEAR-UP) and alignment of curriculum and assessment across 6-12. These programs may include middle school teachers as well.
- High school teachers who teach in Early College, International Baccalaureate or Advanced Placement Programs, or teach in the applied and technical programs that feed directly into programs at 2 and 4 year institutions
- High school principals and other administrators who lead exemplary programs that have produced results in students’ achievement and postsecondary entry and success.

Representatives of the Business/Employer Community

- Front line managers from companies that employ large percentages of the state workforce in good jobs, including state government and the military, if applicable
- Employer or Labor representatives who devise and oversee technical training (e.g. apprentice) programs in the “skilled trades”
- Personnel directors or human resource personnel particularly those responsible for math and English screening of incoming employees into specialized jobs (e.g., utility and power companies)
- Postsecondary faculty in the applied and technical fields from the programs at 2 and 4 year institutions that connect directly with the state’s workforce preparation effort - These individuals contribute valuable perspectives on the rigor of math, reading, and writing skills required in entry-level coursework in the technical and applied fields that a number of students will enter after high school.
- Representatives of key business groups in the state including the Chamber of Commerce and professional business associations.