



## **Description, Purpose, and Goals**

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### **Description of the Linked Learning Alliance**

The Linked Learning Alliance is a statewide coalition of education, industry, and community organizations dedicated to improving California's high schools and preparing students for postsecondary education and career, both options and not just one or the other.

### **Purpose of the Linked Learning Alliance**

The Alliance aims to bring a collective voice and coordinated effort to expanding access for California's young people to Linked Learning—programs of study that connect learning in the classroom with real-world applications outside of school. Pathways integrate rigorous academic instruction with demanding technical curriculum and work-based learning—all set in the context of one of California's 15 major industry sectors such as arts, media, and entertainment; building and environmental design; engineering; health science and medical technology; information technology; and law and public services, to name just a few.

### **Goals of the Linked Learning Alliance**

The Goals of the Alliance are to:

1. Build awareness and understanding of Linked Learning
2. Expand student access to high quality pathways – locally, regionally, and state-wide
3. Leverage resources and expertise to promote Linked Learning
4. Develop and advocate for policies supporting pathways
5. Boost Alliance membership to expand support for Linking Learning throughout California