

Linked Learning Messages and Definition

Linked Learning Message Platform

- Growing evidence suggests that the Linked Learning approach successfully prepares California students for postsecondary education and career by linking strong academics with demanding technical learning and real-world experience in a wide range of fields.
- This approach is gaining in popularity because it can make schools more competitive and attractive to students, generate higher academic achievement by having students study topics of interest to them and lead to increased college attendance rates, higher earning potential after graduation and greater civic engagement.
- Make Linked Learning available to any interested student to give them an advantage for college *and* careers.
- The integrated Linked Learning approach can lead to higher achieving students who are engaged, confident, and focused for success, showing that making learning relevant leads to the kind of real results we expect from a California education.

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Linked Learning transforms students' high school experience by bringing together strong academics, demanding technical education and real-world experience to help students gain an advantage in high school, postsecondary education and careers. In the Linked Learning approach, students follow industry-themed pathways in a wide range of fields, such as engineering, arts and media, biomedicine and health. These pathways connect learning with students' interests and career aspirations, leading to higher graduation rates, increased postsecondary enrollments, higher earning potential and greater civic engagement. Used in schools throughout California, this integrated approach helps students build a strong foundation for success in college and career—and life.

Please note: Depending on the audience, it may be important to emphasize certain aspects of Linked Learning and use slightly different language in the definition. For example, when speaking to colleges, “secondary education” can be replaced with the word “college”; or the phrase “real world experience” can be omitted for audiences with a strong emphasis on technical education.