



# COALITION FOR MULTIPLE PATHWAYS

## Pathway Development Working Group

### Goal:

Promote the expansion of multiple pathways by connecting teachers and industry partners to create and deliver curricula effectively.

### Working Group Objectives:

1. Deliver curricula and professional development to teachers pursuant to pathways-related classroom instruction by going beyond the traditional workshop model and creating more opportunities to experience firsthand how ConnectEd curricula and similar types of curricula are being used in the classroom.
2. Build industry partnerships to help develop project-based curricula and advisory boards to further curriculum development.
3. Develop strategies to use current resources for expanding multiple pathways.
4. Focus on growing industry sectors to broaden new pathway development.
5. Establish a toolkit with a focus on postsecondary linkages, by using models of best practices and indicators of demonstrated effectiveness.
6. Promote greater use of high school and community college articulation agreements to increase rates of transition into postsecondary education.
7. Attempt to infuse multiple pathways into the WASC review process by creating a rubric to assess effectiveness.
8. Create more opportunities for experiential site visits to demonstrate best practices firsthand.
9. Continue to build and expand the Pathway Development Working Group membership by involving more industry and community college representatives.

### Work to Date:

- Identified intensive follow-up after professional development workshops and site visits involving Coalition members as hosts as promising ways to get curricula and new instructional methods out to teachers.
- Generated ideas for seeking out industry and postsecondary partners as a vital part of developing curricula and project-based learning.
- Discussed appropriate messaging to gain teacher acceptance of pathway development work.
- Identified ways to use school and district resources to expand integrated curriculum within pathways, including using California Partnership Academy and Carl Perkins funding.



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- Discussed possible priority industry sectors for future pathway design work including Agriculture and Natural Resources; Education, Child Development, and Family Services; Fashion and Interior Design; Manufacturing, and Product Development; and Transportation.
- Brainstormed ways in which increasing the number of approved a-g, CTE courses would boost the potential for completing a technical sequence within a pathway.
- Observed the Project-Based Learning Showcase in San Diego to learn about and critique student projects, which were done in collaboration with teachers focused on project-based learning throughout the year.
- Communicated with both UC and CSU representatives to discuss ways to increase the amount of a-g approved courses.
- Opened the dialogue to streamline the certification process by giving feedback on quality indicators, making course titles consistent, setting benchmarks on standards and assessment and creating more partnerships for collaborative design of certification. In addition, a guide and glossary will be produced to use alongside the final certification tool.
- Formed a subcommittee on Work Based Learning to figure out ways to collaborate with Workforce Investment Boards.
- Outreached to community college representatives to invite them to be involved in the Pathway Development Working Group.
- Started to figure out ways to share best practices on pathway development on the Coalition website to make it more interactive.

### **Current Members/Meeting Participants:**

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