

Editorial Calendar, 2026–27

Demonstrating Skills of Value

January 2026

State education leaders have prioritized making sure that the students who graduate from their high schools are prepared for success in life. How do students know they are gaining valuable skills and competencies they can apply and strengthen in careers and postsecondary education? How do they demonstrate they have acquired these skills, and how will employers and colleges value their attainments?

Ad materials deadline: December 1, 2025

Reimagining Teacher and Leader Roles

May 2026

Efforts are afoot to assess the impact of new staffing models that jettison the one teacher/one classroom model, ensure that educator preparation programs convey key skills, accommodate staff collaboration during the school day, and change the role of school leaders. What is the evidence that these approaches improve student outcomes and teacher satisfaction and retention?

Ad materials deadline: April 3, 2026

School Improvement and Accountability

September 2026

Many states are mulling changes to their systems for gauging school quality, as reflected in their state accountability systems. What drives accountability and improvement at the district and school level? How can state systems align to the broadened array of skills that many states include in their portraits of a learner? What data should state education leaders be examining? Can and should data dashboards assess things like school climate or student belongingness? How can states encourage reciprocal accountability?

Ad materials deadline: August 3, 2026

Paths to the Classroom

January 2027

What are the innovations in credentialing teachers, and can they alleviate teacher shortages and remove barriers to entering the profession? How can “busting open certification” to bring in career professionals, pairing them with classroom management experts, help deal with staffing hard-to-fill subjects like calculus? What states are seeing good results from teacher apprenticeships? From alternative means to becoming a teacher?

Ad materials deadline: December 4, 2026