

Editorial Calendar, 2027–28

January 2027

Paths to the Classroom. 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?

May 2027

Everywhere Learning. What does it mean for state leaders to embrace preK-12 learning that happens anywhere? How can they ensure that student learning outside classrooms aligns to classroom instruction and states’ priorities for what students should know and be able to do? What roles do work-based learning, out-of-schooltime learning, museums, parks and arts organizations play? What role for high-impact tutoring? What incentives should be in place for a fruitful education ecosystem of community-based organizations?

September 2027

Paying for Public Education. As states grapple with ever-present funding challenges, they can learn from states that have applied for federal waivers to consolidate funding into block grants, consolidated districts, dealt with enrollment declines, and sought to fill in gaps created by reduced federal support for Medicaid and school meals. What can states do in the already constricted funding for special education as they see demand for services rise? How can they address simultaneous demands to provide families more school choice? What has been the impact on public schools from federal and state support of private school vouchers?

January 2028

Reading and Writing. What have states accomplished nearly 10 years after they began passing legislation to require evidence-based literacy instruction? How have state leaders incentivized and managed implementation, and what has worked? How has writing instruction shifted in the age of AI? What role for teaching the background knowledge that accelerates literacy? What role for tutoring? For dyslexia screening?