

## Alliance of Education Agency Heads Members

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Technical College System of Georgia (Commissioner Ron Jackson)  
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### 5 Priority Goals to Improve Education in Georgia

1. Increase the high school graduation rate, decrease the high school dropout rate, and increase postsecondary enrollment and success
2. Strengthen teacher recruitment, teacher retention, and teacher quality
3. Improve workforce readiness skills
4. Develop strong education leaders, particularly at the building level
5. Improve the SAT/ACT scores of Georgia’s students

### Alliance strengthens collaborations to achieve Georgia’s education priorities

- Align, coordinate and strengthen Georgia’s P-20 education system preschool through college
- Focus on policies, programs and funding priorities to create a seamless education system
- Increase efficiency, impact and effectiveness
- Highlight the critical role of education in workforce development and economic recovery
- Sustain education reforms and achievement gains through a permanent P-20 Council

### Alliance Implementation Team develops collaborative strategies and initiatives. Alliance is comprised of business, workforce and public broadcasting partners.

Key senior staff from all 7 education agencies and representatives from Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget, Georgia’s Workforce Investment Board, Governor’s Office of Workforce Development, Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education, Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, Georgia Chamber of Commerce, Georgia Public Broadcasting , and Georgia Leadership Institute for School Improvement.

### Alliance Background

Georgia’s first P-16 Council was established in 1995, and cross-agency initiatives have been in place since then. The Alliance convened as Georgia’s P-20 Council in early 2006. **The Joint Education Boards Liaison Committee**, with representatives from each of the state’s education Boards, is a part of the Alliance and meets jointly with the Agency Heads. The Alliance was built on the many strong collaborative initiatives between Georgia’s education agencies, partners, and business. Collaborative projects have included the American Diploma Project, Partnership for Reform in Science & Mathematics, development of K-12 Georgia Performance Standards and Assessments—fully aligned to Pre-K standards, revision of Georgia’s High School Graduation requirements, College & Career-Ready Policy Institute, Common Core State Standards, Common Assessments, Complete College America, and postsecondary success & college completion initiatives.

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