



State Departments of Education

21ST CENTURY CHALLENGES. 21ST CENTURY LEADERSHIP.

Departments of education and education service agencies are central to the success of their state's schools and students. The challenges they face can be daunting: an ever-growing array of government mandates, ensuring that teachers become more effective, and relentless budget pressures. Learning technology offers departments of education the opportunity to meet these challenges head-on, while embracing the learning modes that are becoming a hallmark of 21st century education.

More Effective Learning. More Effective Teaching.

With Blackboard Collaborate live, online learning, you can provide districts, schools, and teachers with a valuable resource, ensuring better prepared, more effective teachers statewide.

- Offer professional development that's both cost and time-effective
- Build expertise in technology, academic standards, and best practices
- Facilitate collaborative curriculum development
- Foster teacher communities, across districts and disciplines, for sharing content, concerns, and ideas
- Improve teacher evaluations by expediting opportunities for feedback, mentoring, and coaching
- Communicate a common definition of teaching excellence

By changing the way teachers *learn*, Blackboard Collaborate helps change the way teachers *teach*, helping them reach today's active learners and improve learning outcomes.



Aspiring teachers gravitate toward online collaboration, which translates to a more self-directed teaching approach. The correlation between an educator's familiarity with technology, and the strong likelihood of using that technology within instruction, is a good way to predict the future classroom

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Consistency and Continuity. Common Core and Beyond.

For many districts, transitioning to the Common Core State Standards is an important goal. But there are many other areas—anti-bullying, special needs, at-risk students, English Language Learners, health and safety initiatives—that require educating all districts. With Blackboard Collaborate, you can ensure the consistency and continuity of information dissemination and training with one comprehensive platform that enables you to cost-effectively implement and scale your programs, statewide.

Championing Learning Technology

When it comes to adopting learning technology, state departments of education must be at the forefront. Blackboard Collaborate is a real-time, online teaching, learning, and collaboration platform that helps departments of education to operate more cost-effectively while offering a digital experience that's transformative for greater engagement and improved outcomes.

Designed for Education by Educators

Blackboard Collaborate provides a comprehensive set of teaching and learning capabilities.

- **Web conferencing:** teacher professional development, virtual classes, administrative meetings
- **Mobility:** live participation in classes and meetings, access to recordings from mobile devices
- **Enterprise instant messaging:** community building and networking among state, regional, and district personnel
- **Voice authoring:** voice annotation, instruction, and personalized commentary that enrich asynchronous courses
- **LMS Integrations:** Moodle, Blackboard Learn and other LMS to manage and track professional development and provide statewide access to courses and archives

BENEFITS FOR STATE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION

- Promote greater teacher effectiveness through live online professional development
- Prepare teachers for the Common Core and other initiatives
- Extend the school day and school year virtually
- Build online educator communities and PLCs
- Forge district, parent, and community partnerships
- Collaborate with (and consolidate) affiliated education support agencies.
- Operate state-wide virtual schools
- Provide enriched curriculums to districts that could not otherwise offer them
- Improve accessibility for all students and offer options for displaced students
- Decrease travel and facilities procurement costs

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