THE BIG BLUR: ERASING THE BOUNDARIES BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, AND CAREERS — AND CREATING ONE NEW SYSTEM THAT WORKS FOR EVERYONE

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JFF’s Strategic Priorities

We design, scale, influence, and invest in solutions that . . .

- Help People Advance
- Build Inclusive Regional Economies
- Redesign Education and Workforce Development Systems
The Big Blur

FREE FOR STUDENTS
GUIDED PATHWAYS MODEL
INTEGRATED WORK-BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCES
ACADEMIC AND CAREER NAVIGATION
WRAPAROUND SUPPORTS

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- High School
- Postsecondary Education
- Labor Market
WE’VE BEEN TRYING TO IMPROVE TRANSITIONS FOR A LONG TIME

High School
- Early college and dual enrollment
- Grade 13 programs
- College Promise
- College advising

Post-Secondary Education
- Career pathways
- Career and technical education
- Work-based learning
- Career navigation

Jobs and Careers
- Career navigation and services

Work-based learning | Industry-aligned credentials
INCENTIVES
State accountability systems emphasize metrics of success for cohorts of students in grades 11-14.

Pool funding streams for students in grades 11-14.

ALIGNMENT
11th graders enter new institutional structures incorporating high school and college requirements designed for career preparation and incorporating work experience.

GOVERNANCE
A senior leader with decision making authority oversees, ensures funding for, and supports unified grades 11-14 institutional structures.

STAFFING
Specially trained educators and leaders are equipped to teach, curate and organize learning and work experiences and support systems for students in grades 11-14.
**REAL-WORLD EXAMPLES**

**INCENTIVES**

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<td>In 2019 Washington passed a law requiring districts to automatically enroll eligible students in the next most rigorous course. Similar legislation is under discussion or in the pilot phase in Colorado, Connecticut, and Illinois.</td>
<td>Tennessee’s Ready Graduate data factor into the state’s early postsecondary opportunities (EPSO) framework as an “indicator of school quality and student success” as part of their Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) accountability plan.</td>
<td>Colorado has a grade 13 high school program that allows K-12 districts and community colleges to apply for funds that cover college tuition—the factor that often discourages schools from offering dual enrollment.</td>
<td>In Idaho, when students reach seventh grade, they receive a stipend of $4,125 to use for education related expenses including college courses, AP tests, professional certifications, and career and technical education (CTE) courses.</td>
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WE NEED TO
BOLDLY REIMAGINE
PUBLIC
RESPONSIBILITY
THE PRESENT OPPORTUNITY AND THE ROAD AHEAD
THANK YOU!

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