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The California Center for College and Career

ConnectEd helps leaders and educators realize the vision of a systemic and sustainable approach to transforming high schools through Linked Learning pathways.

Why Linked Learning Pathways?

"Being in a pathway is different than what other kids do at traditional high schools—pathways actually relate to the real world."

— RAY, CALIFORNIA
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

Today, almost a third of our students nationwide leave high school without the skills necessary to succeed in college, to participate in a 21st century workforce, or to earn a family-supporting living. For low-income students, the numbers are even worse. Linked Learning can help change that.

Compared to their peers, students in certified Linked Learning pathways

- are more likely to stay in their school district through high school,
- earn more credits in the first three years of high school, and
- report greater confidence in their life and career skills.

Our Approach and Services Help You Prepare Students for College and Career

Many districts, schools and career academies across the country are developing Linked Learning pathways as the strategy for transforming high schools and preparing students for success in college, career and life.

Yet implementing high-quality, equitable and accessible pathways in a school district or region is challenging because it often requires changes at every level of professional practice.

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Through multi-year partnerships, ConnectEd has helped district leaders to redesign their entire high school delivery systems. We work hand in hand with you to

- assess needs and strengths,
- build strong teams,
- plan implementation,
- design pathways,
- design and deliver professional development, leadership coaching and consultation, and technical assistance.

By integrating the following components into Linked Learning pathways, together we ensure that your students, regardless of background, achieve college and career ready outcomes when they graduate high school.

RIGOROUS ACADEMICS

Core subjects that prepare all students for college

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Professional skills and industry-related knowledge woven into courses, lessons and projects to give students context for what they're learning

WORK-BASED LEARNING

A range of real-world experiences—from mentoring and job shadowing to internships—that expose students to possible career paths

STUDENT SUPPORTS

Dedicated and tailored support services, such as counseling and supplemental instruction, that help ensure students are successful in school, work and life

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