



Bridge the Gap Nevada

Three-Year Statewide Opportunity Initiative

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Nevada's Commitment

Success Measured by Every Child's Achievement

Bridge the Gap Nevada is our promise that every Nevada student will succeed regardless of zip code, background, or learning needs. Together, we will create an education system where Opportunity isn't just a goal—it's our foundation.

Contextual Foundation

Existing Frameworks

Nevada's Statewide Plan for the Improvement of Pupils (STIP) emphasizes **Opportunity**, stronger instruction, and strategic funding as core priorities for student success.

Unified Vision

Bridge the Gap Nevada will elevate these frameworks into one cohesive, **Opportunity**-focused system statewide.

This initiative builds upon existing state frameworks while creating a unified approach to address persistent **Opportunity** gaps across Nevada's diverse educational landscape.



Purpose & Vision: Unified Excellence System



Unify Priorities

- Coherent Accountability System
- PreK-12 Literacy Foundation
- Portrait of Nevada Learner
- Community Partnership Engagement



Strengthen Pathways

- Early Literacy and Math Pathways
- Math Progression Systems
- Advanced Coursework Access
- Career Pathway Expansion-CTE



Ensure Success

- Future Readiness Focus
- Personalized Learning Approach
- Educator Pipeline Investment
- Every Student Empowered, Equipped for Success

Bridge the Gap Nevada creates a cohesive framework that aligns priorities, strengthens educational pathways, and ensures every student has the opportunity to succeed regardless of background, location or circumstance.

Problem Analysis: Structural Gaps Persist



Current Challenges

10–20 Point achievement gaps persist statewide for diverse student populations.

Rural districts lack advanced course offerings and resources.

Urban districts need intensive multilingual learner support systems.



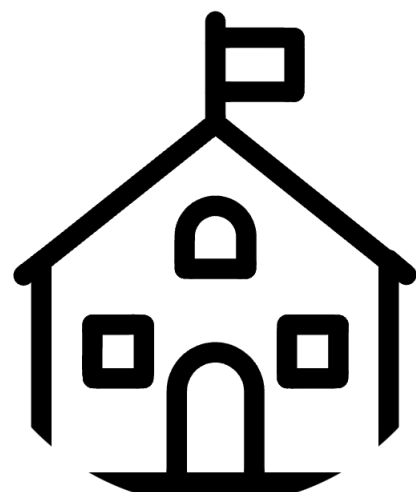
State's Response

Remove roadblocks through targeted resources and support.

Provide tailored support to districts based on their unique needs.

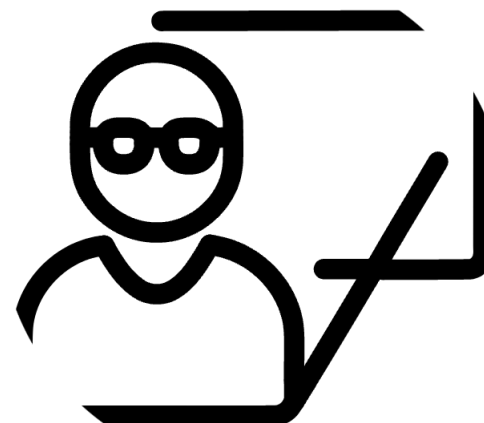
Create Opportunity-focused accountability systems that drive improvement.

Strategic Framework



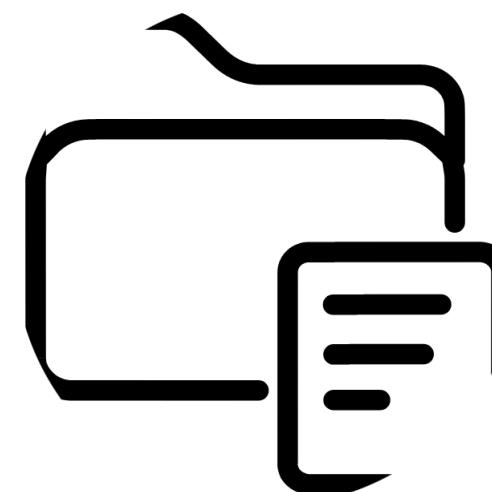
Instructional Infrastructure

- Culturally Responsive Toolkits
- Advanced Learning Access Portal
- Broadband Expansion Partnerships
- Regional State Support Teams



Educator Pipeline

- Teacher residency network expansion
- Leadership Development Institutes
- District Opportunity Action Plans
- Grow-Your-Own Pathways



Data Systems

- Bridge Dashboard Tracking
- Predictive Analytics Platform
- Portrait-Integrated Curriculum Coaching
- Retention Incentive Programs

This three-pillar approach addresses structural gaps by building strong instructional systems, investing in educators, and leveraging data to drive continuous improvement across all Nevada districts.

Instructional Infrastructure Components

Culturally Responsive Instructional Toolkits

Develop and implement K-12 comprehensive literacy and mathematics toolkits tailored to Nevada's diverse student population, incorporating culturally relevant texts and real-world problem-solving scenarios. These toolkits will include exemplar lesson plans, differentiated instructional strategies, and formative assessments to support all learners.



Advanced Learning Access Portal

Expand access to advanced placement (AP), dual-credit, and Career and Technical Education (CTE) opportunities statewide through new partnerships with the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) and community colleges. This includes developing virtual instruction programs and establishing satellite learning centers in rural districts to increase enrollment by 25% over three years.



Integrated "Portrait of a Nevada Learner"

Integrate key competencies such as critical thinking, collaboration, civic engagement, and digital literacy from the "Portrait of a Nevada Learner" into all core content areas (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies). This will involve curriculum mapping and targeted professional development for leaders/educators to ensure students are prepared for post-secondary success and the future workforce.



These initiatives, alongside strategic partnerships to achieve 100% rural broadband access by Year 3 and the deployment of regional state support teams, ensure every Nevada student has equitable access to high-quality instruction and advanced learning opportunities, regardless of their background or geographic location.

Educator Pipeline Investments



Teacher Development

Expand Teacher Residency Networks to double placement capacity, providing stipends for residents and mentor teachers in high-need districts.



Leadership Excellence

Establish Leadership Institutes for principals and district leaders, focusing on Opportunity, instructional excellence, and personalized learning approaches.



Talent Pathways

Develop "grow our own" pathways, enabling paraprofessionals and community members to become licensed educators.

These strategic investments will strengthen Nevada's educator pipeline, particularly in hard-to-staff positions and high-need districts, while building leadership capacity for sustained Opportunity-focused improvement.

Data Systems: Bridge Dashboard

Predictive Analytics

Bridge Dashboard provides tracking of achievement gaps by subpopulation and district with predictive analytics that identify students needing intervention before they fall behind.

Gap Tracking

Real-time visualization of progress toward closing persistent achievement gaps across all Nevada districts, with customizable views for educators, administrators, and the public.

Regional Support

Data informs deployment of regional state support teams that provide targeted assistance to districts based on their specific Opportunity challenges and improvement needs.



Year 1: Foundation Building & Pilot Programs

- Bridge performance gaps by providing high-quality, culturally responsive instructional resources and professional learning that meets the needs of Nevada's diverse student populations.
- Finalize design and begin pilot deployment of the Advanced Learning Access Portal for AP/dual-credit courses in 5 rural and urban districts.
- Launch expansion of Teacher Residency Networks in 3 high-need districts, recruiting and placing 50 new teacher residents.
- Secure initial strategic partnerships and funding for rural broadband expansion, targeting 25% connectivity by year-end.
- Deploy Bridge Dashboard beta for tracking of achievement gaps, focusing on early literacy and math data.



Year 2: Statewide Rollout & System Integration

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- Conduct statewide rollout of the Culturally Responsive Toolkits, providing professional development to over 5,000 educators.
- Expand the Advanced Learning Access Portal to all districts, increasing AP/dual-credit enrollment by 15% and CTE participation by 10%.
- Integrate predictive analytics into the Bridge Dashboard to identify students at risk of falling behind with 80% accuracy.
- Initiate Leadership Development Institutes for 100 principals and district leaders focusing on equitable instructional practices.
- Achieve 50% rural broadband upgrades across targeted regions to support digital learning.
- Establish and deploy 5 regional state support teams to provide data-informed assistance to districts.





Year 3: Scale, Sustain & Achieve Opportunity

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Attain 100% rural broadband access across Nevada, eliminating digital Opportunity gaps for all students.

2

Ensure all rural districts offer at least 5 advanced coursework opportunities through the Access Portal.

3

Publish the first Annual Gap Closure Report, demonstrating a measurable reduction in achievement gaps across key student subpopulations.

4

Secure sustainable, long-term funding model for Bridge the Gap Nevada initiatives beyond initial grant periods.

5

Achieve full integration of "Portrait of a Nevada Learner" competencies into core curricula across all districts.

6

Expand "Grow-Your-Own" pathways, producing 75 new licensed educators from within communities.

Success Metrics

5%

Annual Gap Reduction

Measurable reduction in ELA and math proficiency gaps across all student populations

100%

Rural Course Access

Universal access to advanced coursework and career pathways in rural districts

10%

Retention Increase

Strengthened educator pipeline and retention in high-need positions

85%

Portrait Implementation

Schools implementing competency-based instruction aligned to Portrait

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Multi Language Learners

Gap closure by 5% annually through targeted supports and bilingual resources.



Advanced Coursework

AP and dual-credit courses available to all students regardless of location.



Career Pathways

CTE pathways accessible statewide with industry partnerships.

Opportunity-Focused Supports for Key Populations



Students with Disabilities

Ensuring universal access through state-purchased assistive technology and inclusive instructional design resources for all learning environments.



English Learners

Providing state-funded bilingual resources within portal courses, along with culturally responsive content and comprehensive multilingual learner support systems.



Nevada Leadership Alliance

Forging strong partnerships with Nevada leaders to collaboratively design resources and develop culturally responsive curricula that deeply honor and integrate indigenous knowledge and diverse perspectives.

Bridge the Gap Nevada prioritizes historically underserved populations by delivering targeted resources, fostering collaborative development and providing specialized supports tailored to their unique needs.

Budget Overview

Investment Category	Year 1-3 Total	Percentage	Expected ROI
Instructional Toolkits & Portal	\$18M	22.5%	Universal statewide access to advanced coursework and culturally responsive resources
Teacher Residency Network	\$22M	27.5%	Robust educator pipeline in high-need positions and locations
Leadership Institutes	\$10M	12.5%	Enhanced system capacity for sustained Opportunity-focused improvement
Retention Incentives	\$12M	15%	Improved stability in high-need positions and hard-to-staff schools
Broadband Expansion	\$14M	17.5%	100% connectivity for rural students enabling full access to digital resources
Data Systems & Evaluation	\$4M	5%	Evidence-based improvement through continuous data-driven decision making

This strategic investment plan leverages multiple funding sources including federal grants, state appropriations, and philanthropic partnerships to ensure sustainable impact beyond the initial three-year implementation period.

Every Student

Opportunity Guaranteed

Bridge the Gap Nevada ensures opportunity is no longer dictated by geography, background, or circumstance across our state.





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