

Summary of Previous Regional High School Dialogues

Meeting Title	Regional High School Dialogue: Kickoff	A Broader View of Educational Needs: 21st Century Learning	Multiple Pathways to Graduation
Dates and Location	April 9–10, 2008 Naperville, Illinois	May 19–20, 2008 Lisle, Illinois	September 10–11, 2008 Oak Brook, Illinois
Participants From Your State			
Meeting Summary	The main goal was to provide state education agency staff in the Great Lakes region an opportunity to learn from national high school policy and standards experts and to engage in cross-state discussions about the common high school improvement issues and challenges.	The main goal was to provide participants with an opportunity to learn about and discuss 21st century learning and its role in larger high school improvement efforts. Ken Kay, president of the Partnership for 21st Century Skills, provided participants an overview of his organizations framework while State Superintendent Steven Paine (West Virginia) and Director Judy Jeffrey (Iowa) gave participants a first-hand glimpse into their states' efforts of incorporating 21st century skills into the core curriculum.	In response to state requests for exemplars of models that encompass multiple pathways, staff from a number of innovative programs throughout the region were invited to share program information. The meeting presentations fell into one of four overall categories: technology/online learning, rigorous and relevant senior year, college/dual credit, and seat time alternatives. Within the Great Lakes region, there were presentations programs in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin. New Hampshire's Fred Bramante also presented and discussed his state's efforts to eliminate seat time as the only method for earning high school credit.
Relationship	This meeting was the first in the series.	This dialogue built upon the knowledge base developed during the first meeting in terms of policy and standards and expanded it to the emerging sphere of 21st century skills policy and standards.	Given the national context and the recognition of the increasing focus on 21st century skills, this dialogue examined the need for multiple pathways to graduation and how states could support and develop these pathways.

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