TOP CIVIC EDUCATION RESOURCES FOR STATE LEADERS

Most state education leaders agree that civic education is a must for students. High-quality opportunities for civic education are necessary to turn students into productive, informed and engaged citizens. This list of online resources provides a good starting point for education leaders who want to strengthen civic education in their state.

GUIDEBOOK: SIX PROVEN PRACTICES FOR EFFECTIVE CIVIC LEARNING

The purpose of this guidebook is to serve as a resource—a what’s next—for teachers, administrators, policymakers and other education leaders who want to put effective civic education practices into practice. The report concludes with a lengthy list of civic education organizations, including those that focus on a specific state or that work specifically with state leaders. Find this publication at knowledgecenter.org.

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Find this publication at ecstac.org.

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