



The Capital Region's Premier Business-Education Partnership Organization

What Is LEED?

LEED stands for Linking Education and Economic Development. LEED works to strengthen the economy of the six-county Sacramento region by linking the leaders of key industries and educational resources to strive for alignment to meet current and forecasted regional workforce needs. In its 17th year, LEED is the Capital Region's premiere employer/education partnership and an affiliate of the Sacramento Metro Chamber.

LEED is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors comprised of employer, educator and civic leaders from the six-county Sacramento region.

LEED advances its mission by focusing on three core areas: **Workforce Demand, Education Innovation and Career Exploration.**



Workforce Demand: Defining Regional Workforce Needs

Through data, information and experiences, LEED seeks to identify the Sacramento region's future workforce demand and share that information with educators, job seekers, students and their parents.

CareerGPS.com: CareerGPS.com is a searchable, interactive website that allows visitors to learn about high demand careers and the local training and education providers that will help prepare them for those careers.

Convergence: Convergence is a quarterly forum hosted by LEED and the Los Rios Community College District that showcases issues that intersect between workforce development, education and the economy. Convergence 2010 is showcasing the human capital needs of industry clusters critical to the region's economic future: health care, clean energy technology/infrastructure, education/public service, and technology/entrepreneurism .

Education Innovation: Aligning Education to Meet Workforce Needs

LEED supports partnerships between employers, funders, educators and students to deliver rigorous academics that leverage the relevance found in experiential education, mentors and role models, technical curriculum and related work experience. This combination, often found in high school career academies, is a proven education reform strategy, increasing graduation, improving engagement and academic performance, enhancing post secondary persistence and progress and delivering work readiness.

Project Lead the Way: LEED manages the Capital Region Project Lead the Way Network, comprised of 27 middle and high schools delivering PLTW curricula in engineering, biomedical and clean energy.

Capital Region Career Academy Initiative: LEED is spearheading the Capital Region Career Academy Initiative, a region-wide system of support for rigorous high school career academies aligned with regional workforce needs.



Career Exploration: Enabling Students to Design Career Pathways

LEED believes that students who pursue their passion are successful in school and in the workplace. LEED manages **CareerGPS**, a career exploration event that helps students "navigate their futures." CareerGPS is part career fair showcasing occupations and post secondary options and part interactive assembly where students learn about career pathways directly from local employers.

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