U.S. K-12 EDUCATION

We believe our K-12 public education system should provide a great education for all students. The goal of our K-12 work moving forward remains consistent and straightforward: to significantly increase the number of Black, Latino, and low-income students who earn a diploma, enroll in education after high school, and are on track in their first year to earn a degree or credential.

THANKS TO THE LEADERSHIP OF EDUCATORS, POLICYMAKERS, AND OTHERS WHO ALSO RECOGNIZE THE VALUE OF A QUALITY K-12 EDUCATION, TREMENDOUS GAINS HAVE BEEN MADE OVER THE PAST DECADE.

- Nearly 90% of states are using higher standards and expectations for teaching and learning.
- Graduation rates and test scores continue to rise for all students and dropout rates are down.
- More Latino and Black students are enrolling in college than ever before, and college completion rates nationally are also rising.

HISTORY AND INVESTMENTS

- Total number of K-12 grants since inception: 2,067
- First K-12 education investment: 1998
- First cohort of Networks for School Improvement: 2018

A MAJOR FOCUS OF OUR K-12 STRATEGY IS SUPPORTING NETWORKS OF MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS. WE BELIEVE THAT THE INFORMATION SHARED BETWEEN AND ACROSS NETWORKS WILL OPEN THE DOOR FOR EFFECTIVE APPROACHES TO TAKE ROOT IN OTHER SCHOOLS.

To ensure that schools are set up for success and that teachers and leaders have what they need to help their students thrive, we focus on seven priorities.

NETWORKS FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT
Supporting middle and high schools to solve common problems by using continuous improvement to identify evidence-based interventions that best fit their needs.

EDUCATOR PREPARATION
Investing in resources and support to ensure new teachers and principals are prepared for their roles from day one.

HIGH-QUALITY PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS
Supporting students with disabilities, expanding the number of seats at high-quality public charter schools, and improving public and charter collaboration.

EXCELLENT INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Improving diverse supply, and awareness of, best-in-class instructional resources, and supporting field-wide capacity to select and use them effectively.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL)
Expanding the evidence base and availability of solutions for the SEL competencies most critical to postsecondary success.

STRONGER PATHWAYS
Developing and expanding opportunities to ensure Black, Latino and low-income students successfully transition into and through a postsecondary pathway that leads to a promising career.

ADVANCING EDUCATION R&D
Accelerating research & development of education practices and models that dramatically improve learning and life outcomes.


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ABOUT US

Guided by the belief that every life has equal value, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation works to help all people lead healthy, productive lives.

IN THE UNITED STATES, we seek to ensure that all people—especially those with the fewest resources—have access to the opportunities they need to succeed in school and life.

IN WASHINGTON, D.C., we develop and implement strategies that help mobilize the resources, commitments, and public engagement necessary to achieve the foundation’s programmatic goals.

IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, we focus on improving people’s health and giving them the chance to lift themselves out of hunger and extreme poverty.

GEOGRAPHIC REACH

The Gates Foundation is headquartered in Seattle, Washington. We support grantees in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Internationally, we support work in more than 100 countries. We have offices in Washington, D.C.; New Delhi, Patna, India; Beijing, China; London, UK; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Abuja, Nigeria; and Johannesburg, South Africa.

FOUNDATION FACTS

- Current number of foundation employees: 1,453
- Foundation Trust Endowment: $40.3 billion
- Total grant payments since inception (through Q4 2016): $41.3 billion
- Total 2016 Direct Grantee Support: $4.6 billion
- Total 2015 Direct Grantee Support: $4.2 billion

PROGRAMMATIC PRIORITIES

We work with partners worldwide to tackle critical problems across a number of program areas. In the United States, we focus on education as the key priority for investment to support mobility from poverty. Our vision is of an education system in which all students can graduate from high school and can earn high-quality, affordable degrees or certificates. Our Global Health Division aims to reduce inequities in health by developing new tools and strategies to reduce the burden of infectious disease and the leading causes of child mortality in developing countries. Our Global Development Division focuses on improving the delivery of high-impact health products and services to the world’s poorest communities and helps countries expand access to health coverage. Our Global Growth & Opportunity Division focuses on creating and scaling market-based innovations to stimulate inclusive and sustainable economic growth.

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