

NESSC School Board Focus Groups

21st century skills—like critical thinking, problem solving, teamwork, financial literacy, and technology—are essential for success in today’s world.	4.91
The goal of high school is to prepare every student for success in life.	4.83
High schools need to make sure that graduates leave with the skills they need to be competitive workers in the global knowledge economy.	4.60
It’s every high school’s responsibility to teach students the skills they need to succeed in college, work, and citizenship.	4.50
Today’s high schools need to teach relevant, real-world skills that students can apply in every area of adult life.	4.47
High schools should provide personalized learning opportunities and flexible pathways to graduation that allow students to manage and design their own education.	4.43
Our high schools need to be more student-centered and provide personalized learning opportunities that are based on each student’s interests and aspirations.	4.39
A high school diploma should be based on demonstrated proficiency—it should certify that all students have achieved high learning standards.	4.37
In the 21st century, students need some form of higher education or postsecondary training to get a good job.	4.28
We need strong high schools to make sure our students can compete for jobs against workers from India and China.	4.11
Our high schools haven’t changed much for decades—they need to be more innovative when it comes to how they teach today’s students.	4.09
Improving equity and reducing achievement gaps between poor students and wealthy students, and between minorities and white students, should be a primary goal of our education system.	3.93
Every student should graduate from high school prepared for college.	3.20