

Theory of Action

If Accelerate invests catalytic funds to build evidence, align policy and practice, and scale cost-effective interventions across the education ecosystem, then millions of students, especially those historically underserved, will experience measurable gains in academic achievement and life outcomes.

Activities

- > Fund implementation actors, including states, service providers, and others
- > Prioritize interventions and strategies based on fidelity of implementation, cost, efficacy, efficacy, equity and scalability
- > Progress monitor and maintain implementation accountability

Grantmaking

- > Drive and inform reporting and data collection from grantees across the implementation chain
- > Fund, direct, and design research and evaluation studies

Learning Infrastructure

- > Develop a deep understanding of what is happening on the ground
- > Evaluate, disseminate and elevate best practices
- > Translate evidence into compelling messages that inform decision makers

Knowledge Sharing

- > Connect key stakeholders in the ecosystem
- > Promote policy and regulatory frameworks that drive implementation
- > Set learning agenda to build new body of knowledge of unanswered questions

Advancing the Field

Outputs

- > Investments in programs or initiatives that directly impact the student experience
- > Investments in programs or initiatives that build the capacity of educators, leaders or other actors to impact the student experience
- > Efficacy and impact evaluations that move interventions along the ESSA tiers of evidence continuum
- > Establish tools and standards for progress monitoring, benchmarks and implementation accountability
- > Shared research and impact agenda developed and adopted by key field actors
- > Lessons learned, playbooks and other communications with quality engagement
- > Proof points of effective state implementation
- > Coalition of stakeholders, advocates, and providers engaged in sharing and implementing best practices

Outcomes

- > More students experience evidence-based interventions that align to best practices
- > Improved student outcomes within individual grantee sites
- > Increased and documented use of rigorous evidence in education decision-making, as reflected in state/district plans, funding criteria, and policymaking processes
- > Reversal of declining national trend in NAEP results
- > Faster improving NAEP results than the national average across state grantees
- > More states adopt the policy and implementation strategies that have worked in proof point states
- > Refocused national conversation on student outcomes

Impact

Millions of students nationwide who are academically behind and in historically underserved communities will dramatically increase their measurable achievement and life outcomes.