The framework is designed around the following six tenets:

- **College & Career Ready**
- **Positive Partnerships, Relationships & Student Success**
- **Educator Effectiveness**
- **Educational Opportunities & Access**
- **Assessment**
- **Transitions**

Each tenet is further defined by areas of focus. For each area of focus, specific indicators, measures (data points) and timelines will be developed. The Nebraska Department of Education is currently working on the indicators, measures and timelines. Connections to other state or federal requirements will also be incorporated into the framework.
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**STUDENT SUCCESS AND ACCESS**

**Positive Partnerships, Relationships & Student Success**
The State Board believes that student engagement through positive partnerships and relationships is fundamental to successful schools and districts. The State Board seeks to support schools and districts to implement best practices in student, parent/guardian and community engagement to enhance educational experiences and opportunities.

*Areas of Focus*
- Individualized or Personalized Learning Plans
- Attendance and Participation
- Family Engagement
- Community and support services

**Transitions**
The State Board believes that quality educational opportunities focus on supports for students transitioning between grade levels, programs, schools, districts and ultimately college and careers.

*Areas of Focus*
- Early Childhood-Elementary
- Elementary-Middle School
- Middle School-High School
- High School-Post High School

**Educational Opportunities and Access**
The State Board believes that all students should have access to comprehensive instructional opportunities to be prepared for postsecondary education and career goals.

*Areas of Focus*
- Early Childhood Education
- Comprehensive Learning Opportunities
- Expanded Learning Opportunities
- Blended Learning Opportunities

**TEACHING AND LEARNING**

**College & Career Ready**
The State Board of Education believes that every student upon completion of secondary education shall be prepared for postsecondary educational opportunities and to pursue their career goals.

*Areas of Focus*
- Rigorous College & Career Ready Standards for All Content Areas
- Technological & Digital Readiness
- Support for Career Awareness and Career/College Goals

**Assessment**
The State Board believes the results of multiple assessment sources (national, state, and classroom-based) should be used to measure student achievement of college and career ready standards, and be used as an integral part of the instructional process.

*Areas of Focus*
- Individualized/Adaptive Assessments
- Classroom Based Assessments
- State Assessments
- National/International Assessments

**Educator Effectiveness**
The State Board believes that students should be surrounded by effective educators throughout their learning experiences such that schools and districts develop effective teachers and leaders who establish a culture of success.

*Areas of Focus*
- Nebraska Teacher & Principal Performance Framework
- Professional Development
- Building Leadership Supports
- Effective Local Policy Makers & Superintendents