

What is the Performance-Based Learning and Assessment Networks (PLAN) Pilot?

In support of the New York State Education Department's Graduation Measures initiative, and through a partnership with researchers at the City University of New York, the Performance-Based Learning and Assessment Networks (PLAN) Pilot will look at how performance-based assessment approaches can be implemented in a diverse range of schools, and how to support schools in making that transition.

Why should schools and districts consider participating?

Research indicates that performance assessments can drive instruction and school culture in a different way that may better prepare students for the kinds of tasks they will encounter after high school—both in college and in the workforce. By participating in this project, schools and districts will have the opportunity to:

- **Participate in a Multi-School Network**
- **Engage in High-Quality Professional Learning Experiences**
- **Learn from Partners with Expertise in Performance-Based Assessment**

NYSED envisions that high schools, middle schools, and possibly BOCES will be selected to establish pilot sites in different geographic regions. Participating schools will work together in networks to learn and support each other in successfully implementing performance-based learning and assessment, to facilitate sustainable changes in school changes. The specifics of the pilot design will be determined with expert guidance via the convening of an advisory input process.

In New York State, there are several promising school models in which performance-based assessment is a key component, such as:

School networks that are implementing high-quality career and technical education in ways that prepare students for success in the workplace.

School networks that use inquiry-based pedagogical approaches and assessments that measure students' individual performance on specified objectives.

School networks that use performance-based assessments to determine student progress.

Next Steps

NYSED has launched a webinar series for members of New York State's education community and the public to learn about performance-based learning and assessment. Subscribe to our [listserv](#) to be notified of upcoming webinars and news about the PLAN Pilot.

For more information on the PLAN Pilot, visit our webpage at: <http://www.nysed.gov/plan-pilot>