ESSA heralded a significant shift in state efforts to advance career readiness through K-12 education

- States Planning to Include or Report Career Readiness Indicators
  - Adopted in Accountability System
  - Will Examine Indicators for Future Adoption
  - Publicly Reported
  - Did not discuss plans to measure career readiness

49 states include at least one strategy to expand career readiness in their ESSA plans

35 states included a career-focused measure in their high school accountability rating systems

However, states left many other opportunities on the table, missing the chance to fully commit on their visions for college and career preparation

11 states discussed opportunities under Title II, Part A to advance career readiness

36 signaled that a well-rounded education should include, and that federal funds should be used locally to support, CTE and career readiness through Title IV

20 states identified career readiness as an explicit priority for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers competitive funding under Title IV, Part B

2 states plan to leverage the Title I direct student services set-aside to expand CTE, AP, IB and dual enrollment pathways

For more, see https://careertech.org/resource/mapping-career-readiness-essa-full