

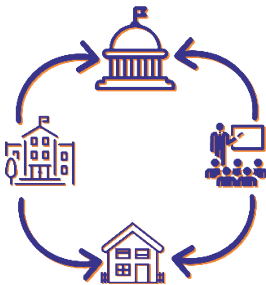
Philanthropy can play a unique and powerful role as a community convener. Foundations and funders who know their communities well can bring schools, nonprofits, businesses, policymakers, and others together to develop a comprehensive action plan to strengthen and increase civic learning. This kind of community collaboration has happened in Illinois and Florida, which can be looked to as models.



Philanthropy can support state-wide policy interventions, teacher professional development, and comprehensive assessments of civic learning curriculums. By allocating resources according to need, proven practices can be part of every student's civic learning.



Technology continues to shape engagement in our democratic processes. Philanthropy can help by funding technology in classrooms for students to take part in simulations, teacher professional development in media literacy, and professional development for teachers and principals on how to create a school climate that sustains and supports civic learning.



Proven practices set young people on a course to become active participants in our system of government. At the same time, many of our nation's young people lack access to that knowledge. In order for our republic to realize its full potential in a diverse and technologically advanced future, we need informed citizens who actively participate in and trust our government.

A variety of programs exist in both schools and communities to support civic learning, and are in need of philanthropic support as well. For more information on these programs, please see this list of programs from the 2017 Democracy at a Crossroads Summit: <http://bit.ly/2ghrlQy>, and this list of vetted civic education members: <https://www.philanthropyroundtable.org/civics-playbook/>

This is a component of PACE's Civic Learning Primer.
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