AdvancED’s mission is to lead and empower the education community to ensure that all learners realize their full potential.

**Our Approach**

AdvancED has a proven track record of partnering with the Indiana Department of Education and other state and local agencies to implement tailored solutions and services to drive improvement at all levels of the education system. AdvancED is committed to helping every education institution improve for the sake of its learners. We understand the realities and complexities of education, as well as the significance of local context in terms of the relevance and impact of our products, services and solutions.

AdvancED offers a comprehensive menu of differentiated solutions in five categories to better meet the needs of all institutions and learners, whether seeking accreditation or wanting to focus solely on continuous improvement. These services include: (1) Membership in the AdvancED Improvement Network, (2) Performance Accreditation, (3) STEM Certification, (4) Intensive Support and Improvement, and (5) Professional Services. This collective system — the AdvancED Continuous Improvement System — provides a common foundation and thread across all services we provide, contributing to the power of our combined solutions and data analytics. Services and supports can be customized to meet the needs of each individual school.
Our goal in partnering with institutions and agencies is to help build their capacity and ability to be successful – ultimately improving education for every child. We look for and invest in high-quality partnerships with organizations that share our passion for continuous learning and improvement.

**Impact**

*Advance Education, Inc. (AdvancED)* is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that has **extensive experience** working with schools and districts to support collaborative improvement efforts. The range of providers and institutions includes traditional public, charter and digital schools; postsecondary organizations; large, small, urban, suburban and rural schools; and institutions seeking support to become more effective in areas such as leadership and governance. In service to this mission and the state of Indiana, we are a trusted provider to more than 40 percent of all Indiana schools, including 41 systems and 194 schools under all five Indiana dioceses. We have multiple partnerships across the state with institutions such as Ball State University, Indiana School Boards Association, University of Notre Dame and Indiana State University.

We have also partnered with State Education Agencies (SEAs) as they have had an exorbitant amount of work to accomplish and challenging decisions to make in the face of dwindling resources, new legislation and increased political pressures. A few of our state partnerships are with: North Dakota, Kentucky, Michigan, Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina.

The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) initiated a partnership with AdvancED in 2013 to implement a proven, research-based system of continuous improvement and accreditation for all North Dakota schools and districts. This partnership was further expanded in 2015 when the state’s regional education agencies adopted the AdvancED standards and accreditation process as their continuous improvement model.

Since 2006, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and AdvancED have worked in partnership to streamline and align the state’s improvement planning process, state and federal accountability requirements, and the AdvancED performance accreditation process.

During the past five years, results stemming from AdvancED’s strategic partnership with the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) have received national recognition and attention. Unknown to many, the *AdvancED Standards for Quality* and our continuous improvement framework serve as the foundation for Kentucky’s statewide system of continuous improvement. The continuous collaboration between AdvancED and KDE has created capacity, consistency and focus in messaging, planning and support for all Kentucky schools, districts and educators. For more information, please see the [AdvancED Case Study for Fleming County Schools](#).

The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) formed a partnership with AdvancED in 2012 to develop and implement a statewide system of continuous improvement. In 2016, the partnership was further expanded to provide all Alabama schools and districts with access to the *AdvancED Effective Learning Environments Observation Tool® (eleot®)*. This learner-centric observation tool, though not mandated, has been widely embraced and used as a formative tool to assess and improve student engagement at the local level.