



NALEO Educational Fund's Education Leadership Initiative (NELI) Priorities

The NALEO Educational Fund is the nation's leading non-partisan organization that empowers Latinos to participate fully in the American political process, from citizenship to public service. Established in 1981, the NALEO Educational Fund is making significant contributions to the progress of the nation's 45.5 million Latinos. As the second largest population group in the United States, the educational attainment of our students is intrinsically connected to our nation's economic vitality and future success.

Goals:

- The NALEO Educational Fund achieves its mission of governance training through integrated strategies that include increasing the effectiveness of Latino policymakers.
- The NALEO Educational Fund's Education Leadership Initiative (NELI) assists the nation's Latino elected and appointed officials with technical assistance, training, and networking opportunities designed to increase their effectiveness as education policymakers and advocates.
- The overarching goal is to provide Latino state legislators and school board members with the enhanced capacity and governance skills they need to become effective advocates for their students, families, and communities.

Priorities of our Elected Officials:

With a focus on the entire education pipeline, from Preschool to Graduate Studies (P-20), the NELI Portfolio offers a concrete overview of the state of Latino education and a focus of academic achievement of Latino students. The governance trainings and technical support we provide have an emphasis on the following education areas:

- Early Childhood Education
- English Language Learner Success
- Providing Students with Excellent Teachers and Leaders
- Addressing our Nation's High School Dropout Crisis
- Encouraging Parental and Community Engagement
- Setting High Expectations for All Our Students
- Developing Educational Partnerships between the P-12 Districts and Higher Education Institutions
- Strengthening Alignment between High School Curriculum and College Admittance Requirements
- Improving Community College Transfer Rates
- Increasing Access to Higher Education
- Improving College and Post-Graduate Completion

The NALEO Educational Fund's efforts are strictly non-partisan. As such, the NALEO Educational Fund is restricted from conducting any lobbying activities given our 501(c)(3) status. We do not ask members to endorse specific legislation. Instead, the NALEO Educational Fund focuses on providing public officials with the advanced governance skills necessary to enhance their capacity as education champions.

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