Northern Illinois Regional P-20 Network
Fortifying the education pipeline from cradle to careers

Mission
The Northern Illinois Regional P-20 Network represents an extensive collaboration among 50 regional and state partners working to address systemic educational attainment issues across the P-20 continuum from cradle to careers. The NIU Center for P-20 Engagement serves as the backbone organization.

Goal
To increase the proportion of adults in all counties of the northern Illinois region with high-quality degrees and certificates to meet the state goal of 60 percent by 2025.

Innovative model enables partnerships with regional results
- Addresses educational systems issues across northern Illinois.
- Builds relationships vertically across the P-20 continuum.
- Influences and responds to state and federal policies.
- Emphasizes the importance of the entire lifelong learning continuum.
- Moves institutions out of silos by making meaningful connections.
- Focuses on ensuring that Illinois students are getting the best education from birth to career.
- Connects education to workforce and economic development.

Postsecondary Institutions
- College of DuPage
- College of Lake County
- Elgin Community College
- Harper College
- Highland Community College
- Illinois Valley Community College
- Joliet Junior College
- Kishwaukee College
- McHenry County College
- Northern Illinois University
- Oakton Community College
- Rock Valley College
- Sauk Valley Community College
- Triton Community College
- Waubonsee Community College

School Districts
- Naperville 203, Wheaton 200
- Elgin School District U-46
- Arlington Heights 214, Barrington 220, Palatine 211
- Freeport 145
- Seneca Township 160
- Joliet 204
- DeKalb 428, Genoa-Kingston 424, Rochelle 212, Sycamore 427
- Huntley 158
- Maine 207, Niles 219
- Belvidere 100, Rockford 205
- River Bend 2, Rock Falls 301, Sterling 5
- Proviso 209
- Hinckley-Big Rock 429, Kaneland 302

Illinois State Agencies
- Board of Higher Education
- Commerce and Economic Opportunity
- Community College Board
- Regional Superintendent of Schools
- State Board of Education
- Student Assistance Commission
- Workforce Investment Board

Education Organizations
- Advance Illinois
- Early childhood advocacy groups
- Workforce development offices
- Research and best practices groups

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Current strategies of our P-20 Network partners

- Birth – 3rd Grade Action Team focuses on early childhood absenteeism awareness and support of community systems development for B-3.
- Early College Opportunities Action Team increases dual credit opportunities for students by addressing issues with teacher qualification requirements.
- Reduce Remediation Action Team participates in the statewide transitional math initiative along with implementing new math courses for high school seniors and sharing models of successful early college programs.
- Community Action Team supports the implementation of career, college and financial literacy activities throughout K-12 and our communities.
- Career Pathways Action Team builds pathways that will lead to career endorsements on high school diplomas and clearly defined routes into college and careers.
- Adult Learners Action Team reduces barriers to degree and credential completion for adult/returning students by implementing more adult-friendly practices.