# State Coalitions Stages of Development Rubric

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<th>STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT</th>
<th>Exploring: There is talk of developing a coalition, but only informal communications or plans have been made. Someone convenes a group of people to move the plans forward.</th>
<th>Emerging: Commitment to developing a coalition by actively convening partners and putting in place a governance structure with initial goals and benchmarks outlined.</th>
<th>Evolving: There is an official coalition in place, a wide range of partners are involved, regular communications to the field, and a leadership team and professional learning convenings occurring.</th>
<th>Excelling: A strong governance structure and adequate financing; active state-level advocacy and policy influence; thriving professional learning networks; and consistent, far-reaching, and effective communications.</th>
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| Partner Engagement (Governance) | - An informal leadership team meets.  
- Key partners identified.  
- A means to means to have initial meetings have been calendared. | - Initial leadership team in place with elected co-chairs  
- Key partnerships have been established.  
- Financing options to host meetings has been identified. | - Governance structure confirmed with official leadership team in place, and in practice.  
- Co-chairs or lead are selected and participate in national Coalition state network.  
- Partners are participating regularly in meetings and activities. | - State Coalition is recognized by the state as collaborative body to make recommendations.  
- Partners are leading and contributing on committees.  
- Funding secured for FT coordinator position and general operations. |
| Policy and Advocacy | - State policy opportunities discussed to leverage.  
- Informal inquiries of elected official interests in process. | - Clear goals set for policy and funding.  
- Organized education of elected officials is occurring. | - Consensus on state policy agenda is established among partners and local communities.  
- Annual organized grassroots advocacy strategy is in action.  
- Identified elected official champions. | - State policy agenda and advocacy is aligned with national Coalition.  
- Beneficiary presence is evident in local and state advocacy.  
- State Coalition prepares and advocates for policies advancing equity. |
| Communications | - Multiple views to describe community schools throughout the state.  
- A potential list serve is created. | - Local community school messaging is aligned.  
- Outward communication conducted with list serve. | - Agreed upon communication plan is adopted that is aligned with national Coalition.  
- Two-way communication among list serve happens regularly.  
- Intermittent outreach to media outlets and potential champions. | - Local and state elected officials vocalize support of Community Schools  
- Key partners are incorporating community schools in communication.  
- Stories from Community Schools regularly appear in media. |
| Professional Learning Networks | - Local community school lead partners conduct internal training.  
- Community School leaders participate in national Coalition convenings and webinars. | - Exploring plus...  
- Coalition Communities organize aligned training with lead partners city/county wide incorporating Site Standards  
- Community School leaders participate in relevant national Coalition networks. | - Emerging plus...  
- There is an identified way to share content across the state for areas of interest.  
- An annual learning exchange is conducted for networking and knowledge sharing for continuous improvement and deepening relationships. | - Evolving plus...  
- Participating partners share expertise in organized trainings, events, and/or meetings on specific areas of interests for improvement. |