

## The Institute for Learning

Since 1995 the Institute for Learning (IFL) has worked to improve the education and achievement of all students, especially those who are underserved.

The IFL helps build the foundation for student learning among educators, schools, and districts by working with them in three key areas. The first is knowledge—about content, pedagogy, and leadership. The second is community—vibrant learning communities that support, inspire, and teach educators. The third is tools—tools that teach and assist adults in the educational community to do better jobs.

The IFL’s work is built around high-quality teaching, learning, and curriculum in the core content areas of English language arts, mathematics, science, and history/social studies. The IFL’s tools include leadership tools and a set of research-based K-12 units in the four core content areas. The units are ready for classroom implementation and, even more importantly, serve as templates for revision of local curriculum.

Located at the Learning Research & Development Center of the University of Pittsburgh, the IFL works closely with both researchers and educators to translate research findings into practical actions that teachers, administrators, schools, and districts can implement to help close the learning gap and promote high student achievement. The IFL functions as a bridge between the domains of research and practice, bringing educators the best of current knowledge, research, tools, and models related to instruction and district design.

### Where We Work

To date IFL has reached over 3.6 million students across 70 districts and 33 states. We’ve reached students through district partners (orange dots), district consortia (yellow), and state partners (orange). Additionally, we’ve developed prototype literacy assessments as well as exemplary instructional tasks for the Common Core State Standards for the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC), a consortium of states working together to develop a common set of K-12 assessments in English and mathematics. Twenty-three states joined PARCC, highlighted in blue, at the time of our prototype assessment development in 2011-2012.

