

# MaineSpark

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# MaineSpark – three questions

- Why does MaineSpark exist?
- How will we achieve our goal?
- What will be better when we succeed?



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60%  
by 2025

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# Why does MaineSpark Exist?

MaineSpark exists to energize and focus all of Maine's resources on the 60% by 2025 goal

# How will we achieve the goal?

- MaineSpark acts as strategic coordinator
- Results will come from the individual actions of its members

# What will be better when we succeed?

- Employers will readily find the skilled workers needed to grow their businesses
- Maine residents will have the skills to obtain more fulfilling and rewarding jobs
- Maine's GDP has the ability to grow



**10 Year Goal – aspirational – support the “pipeline” of educational attainment by increasing skills and aspirations of children ages birth to sixth grade. (0% of goal within this timeframe) All rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders have the support to reach their potential, and to be college and career ready.**



- By 2025, all children ages 6 weeks to 5 years will have access to affordable, high quality learning environments.
- By 2025, 80% of Maine students entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade will have attained proficiency in Reading and Math, and all students are educated in high quality learning environments that support proficiency in all content areas.
- By 2025, there will be a coordinated educational pipeline birth through Grade 6.
- By 2025, Maine state and local systems have family-friendly policies and implementation strategies that strengthen families.
- By 2025, Maine families will have increased access to health care and early supports to ensure a strong foundation for the future of Maine children.



**10 Year Goal - 39,500 young adults middle school to age 25 work toward/accomplish a college degree or credential. (25% of overall goal)**





- By 2025, we will have implemented guidance and mentoring programs that facilitate the successful transition from middle school to high school and high school to college.
- By 2025, funding for state scholarships, mentoring and guidance programs meets the needs of first generation and economically disadvantaged students as they transition from secondary to postsecondary to career.
- By 2025, we have completed the full and successful transition to a proficiency learning and diploma system and review standards to ensure alignment to postsecondary requirements.
- By 2025, there are expanded effective early college, dual enrollment and AP opportunities for all Maine high school students.
- By 2025, we have supported Maine's public universities and community colleges to provide career initiatives such as internship programs, trainings, and other efforts to connect learning to career pathways in Maine.
- By 2025, professional development to Pre-K to 12 school districts has expanded to include effective postsecondary and career counseling efforts.
- By 2025, Maine has improved student access to CTE programs and experiences with goal of increasing overall participation and completion by Maine students.
- By 2025, Maine has developed a state-level educator recruitment and education leader development initiative to work with institutions statewide to address their workforce needs.



**10 Year Goal - 63,200 adults ages 24 and over achieve a college degree or credential.  
(40% of overall goal)**



- By 2025, programs that offer degrees and credentials will be affordable for adults seeking to advance their education and technical skills.
- By 2025, systems that support adult learners will be comprehensive and coordinated, and will address the needs of diverse adult learners.
- By 2025, there will be an easy point of entry – through an online presence and professional development for career and education professionals – so that adult learners can easily navigate future pathways and find resources they need.
- By 2025, programs and people that support adult learners will have the knowledge and resources they need to provide effective internal and external referrals for their clients
- By 2025, there will be a statewide and targeted messaging program that promotes the value of degrees and credentials and shines light on the ways adults can achieve their goals.



**10 Year Goal – 55,300 adults ages 18 to 65 with a college degree or credential stay in or move to Maine. (35% of overall goal)**