Educational Options Council

Report

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Committee / Council Reporting

- News Updates
 - Committee discussion included what districts or COE's offered long term independent study or operated independent study programs. Discussion included whether immunizations are required for students who do not attend for in person instruction. Committee members shared what their programs offer which led into the discussion of whether independent study must be offered.
 - Committee discussed the shift in focusing on providing students the opportunity to earn industry recognized certificates that will lead to a career pathway vs. focusing on just traditional learning. The committee discussed barriers to access and opportunities for students due to geographical area.
- Best Practices
 - Discussion of current discipline procedures. Some districts provide student escorts to and from the restroom. Some districts require students to place their cell phones in locked devices or log into an app, or digital hall pass, on their phone if they leave the classroom for any reason that is identified on the app.
 - Discussion included how the needs of EL learners are supported. Supports included webbased platforms, ex: Reading Horizons, Study Sync- ELD is embedded in ELA, EL tutors, and after school tutoring.
 - Analyzing alternative education dashboard data. Discussion included internal measures districts and COE programs are taking to collect and analyze data.
- Important dates, events, awards
 - Next Council Meeting 2/28/24
- Resources
 - Subcommittee is developing a resource manual for all members to access. Manual will include resources to support leaders throughout the year.