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## **Lesson 8 – How Can Schools Use Data to Improve College and Career Readiness?**

### **Introduction**

We all want to do what's right for kids and put practices in place that will help students become college and career ready, but how do we know what works? In this lesson, we're going to talk about data — specifically college and career readiness indicators — and how your school or district can use data to target interventions and see if they work.

Having the ability to study various dimensions of student success over time is powerful stuff, but it takes a lot of communication and coordination. You may have noticed by now that partnership between the different levels within K–12 and post-secondary education is emerging as a theme in this course. Hold that thought — it's an important one, and we'll be looking at it from a variety of different perspectives as we move through the course.

In the meantime, put your thinking caps on. This lesson is going to ask you to do some data analysis, think critically, and conclude what the numbers tell us about college and career readiness. We know the goal; now let's learn how the data can help us get there.