

# KEY POLICY PLANNING TIMELINES



## BACKGROUND

Understanding the policy and advocacy timelines related to climate initiatives is essential for effective planning and action. Look over the following prompts to gain a better understanding of some of the key policy moments and timelines in your state or school district.

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Session Schedule

- What are the session start and end dates?
- Can you determine whether your state legislature will follow a short or long session schedule for the coming year?
- What are the pre-filing and filing deadlines?
- Are there separate deadlines on the books or capacity for assistance with drafting a bill?

### Limits on Bill Introductions

- Are there restrictions on the number of bills that can be introduced by a single legislator?
- Are there rules about how an education bill can be introduced?

### Budget Cycle & Funding

- Can you find out details on your state's budget cycle, including when the budget proposal, review, and finalization typically occur?
- Identify significant sources of funding available for climate-related or education-related projects and initiatives in your state.

### Roles and Relationships

- Research and learn about education lobby relationships in your state.
- Think about who is on the education committee and what it would take to get a bill through the committee.
- Clarify the roles and responsibilities of the State Education Board in contrast to the State Legislature and State Standards regarding education policy and climate initiatives.

### State Department of Education

- When are learning standards updated?

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## **SCHOOL BOARD**

### **School Board vs. Legislature**

- Clarify the roles and responsibilities of the School Board in contrast to the State Legislature regarding education policy and climate initiatives.

### **Meeting Schedule**

- Determine the regular meeting schedule of the school board, specifying the frequency and timing of meetings.

### **Agenda Process**

- Outline the procedure for requesting agenda inclusion in school board meetings. Include any prerequisites and deadlines (such as a 30-day notice requirement).

### **Community Engagement Opportunities**

- Identify and describe any planned community engagement efforts initiated by the school board, such as town hall meetings related to climate or education matters.