Mission and Vision
Knowing that teacher quality is the single biggest in-school factor for student success, the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET) builds educator excellence to give all students the opportunity for success. Our vision is that every student in America is taught by an excellent teacher and supported by effective leaders every year — and that has been the foundation of our work for the past two decades. We believe that intentional, sustained, and high-quality investments in educators directly result in success for all students and are essential to eliminating equity gaps. As a result, NIET is committed to raising achievement levels for all students by focusing on the most powerful lever for change: teachers and the leadership that supports them.

“Our partnership with NIET is a game-changer. NIET has empowered our educators to give their very best and our students to do their best.”

— Pat Mapes, Superintendent, Perry Township Schools, Indiana
Our Theory of Action

NIET offers a variety of services and tools to support schools, districts, higher education partners, and state agencies in building educator excellence (more at NIET.org). The foundation and goals for all of our work are centered in these areas.

- Set clear expectations with intentional vision and goal-setting
- Prioritize and increase instructional excellence and coherence of the instructional core: standards, curriculum, instruction, assessment, and evaluation and feedback
- Grow educator capacity by creating and engaging in ongoing, job-embedded, and collaborative learning to improve instruction
- Develop and sustain structures and systems to accomplish goals

Outcomes

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This is a Proven Approach

Independent analysis shows NIET partner schools outperform comparison schools

Source: Mann, D., Leutsch, T., Reardon, R. M. (2013). Findings from a Two-Year Examination of Teacher Engagement in TAP Schools Across Louisiana, Interactive Inc.

“The Patriot Way is the NIET Way, and it works. I have seen our teachers and students grow to levels of capacity, confidence, and success that were not even palpable just five years ago.”

— Jennifer Board, Principal, Duplessis Primary School, Ascension Public Schools, Louisiana