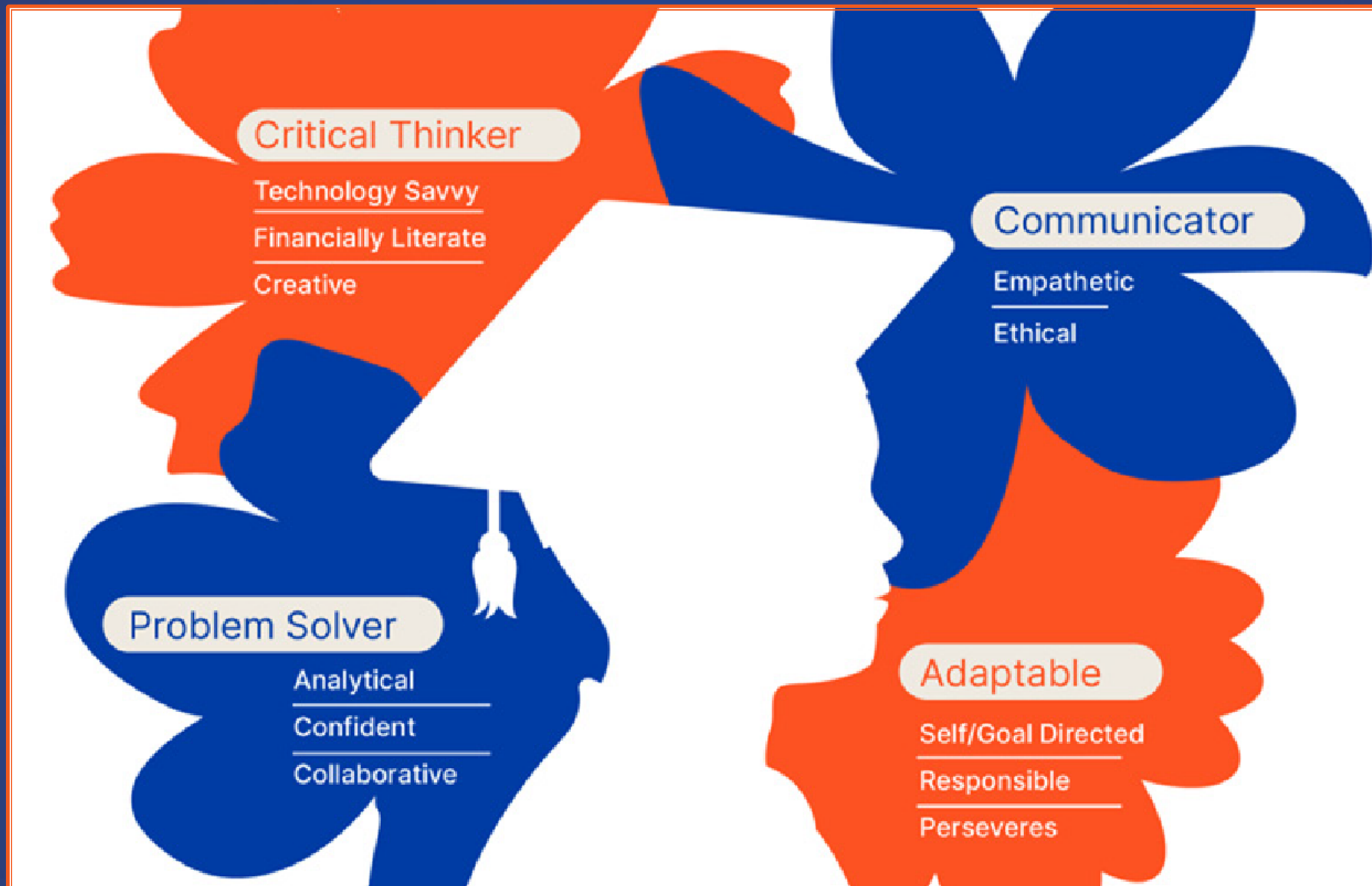


Graduates In Bloom



Alliance District Grant
Board of Education
Finance Committee
September 22, 2026



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Alliance District Requirements:

- Yearly, Alliance District must submit a detailed plan to the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) describing how the district will use Alliance funds to improve student performance.
- Plan must be approved by the commissioner of the CSDE.
- Alliance District funding is released to a district.
- The CSDE reviews the district's progress toward its goals annually to determine whether the district is making sufficient progress for funding to be continued.

Alliance District Plan Requirements

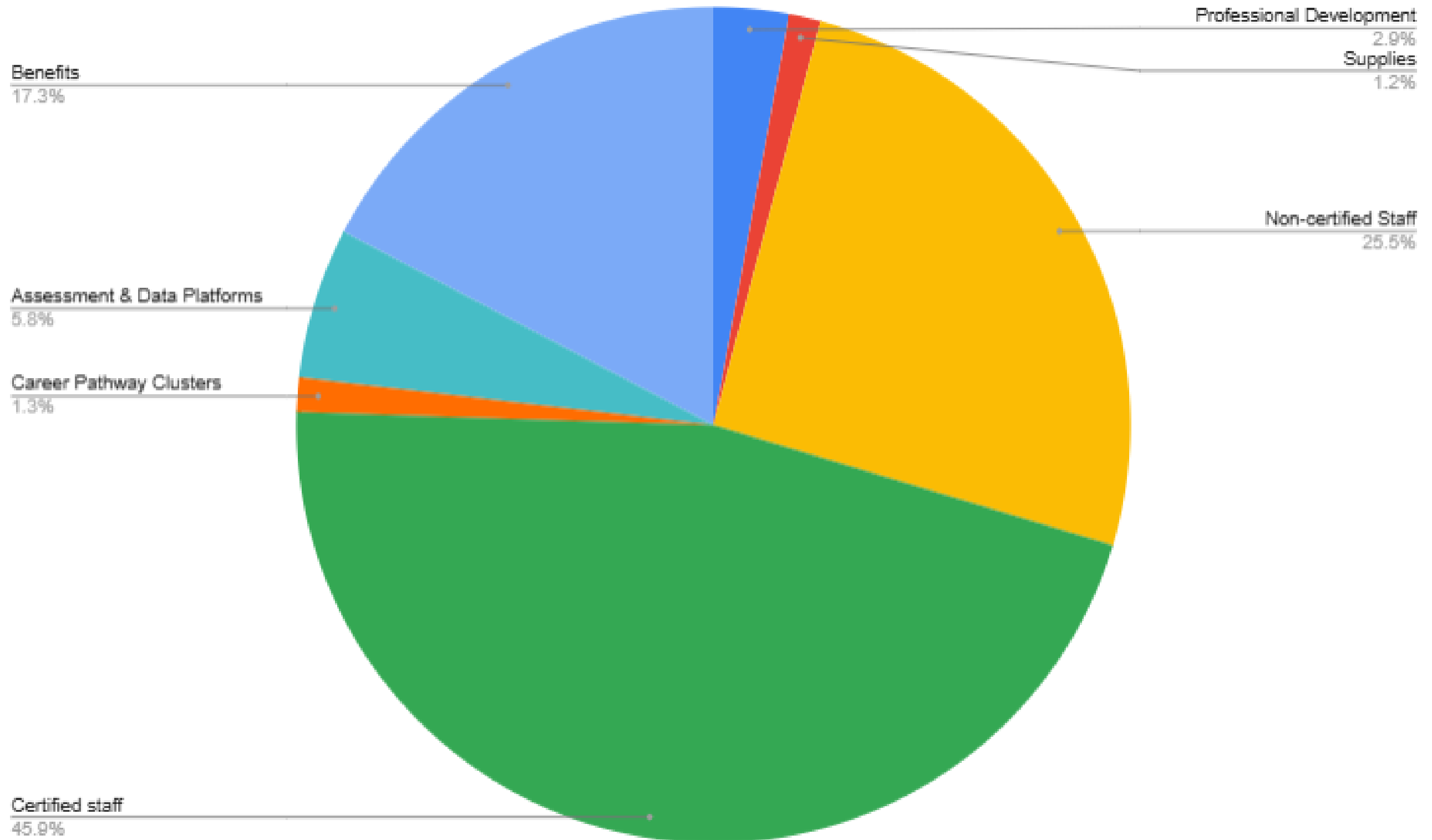
According to statute, a district's Alliance District Plan may include, but is not limited to, the following strategies:

- Tiered interventions for schools, based on the need of the specific school;
- K-3 foundational reading programs;
- Additional learning time, (extended day or extended year)
- A talent strategy to attract, retain, promote, and bolster staff performance in the form of performance evaluations or other indicators of success;
- Training for staff, administration, and teachers on different teacher evaluation models;
- Early childhood education provider coordination (such as HeadStart);
- Government and community programming for student support and wraparound services;
- Strategies to attract and recruit minority teachers and administrators;
- Enhancements of bilingual education programming;
- Entering into the model school district responsibilities agreement; and
- District-specific goals such as improving bilingual education programming.

Alliance District - Additional Accountability and Support Measures:

- Plan review and approval
- Monitoring Meetings three times a year
 - Progress Monitoring Tracking
 - Collaborative agenda
 - Fiscal Spend down and Revisions
- Alliance District Symposiums
- Priority to Support Opportunities

2026-2027 Alliance Grant Budget Allocations



Examples from Each Funding Area

Staffing:

- Teaching, Learning, and Leadership Office
- MTSS Staff: Coaches, Interventionists
- Gifted and Talented Teachers
- *Library Media Specialist*
- Tutors
- Technology Staff Member
- Hourly rate for staff outside of contractual time (i.e. curriculum writing, Committees)

Benefits:

- Benefits for staff outlined above

Examples from Each Funding Area

Professional Development and Contracted Services:

- *SERC: Culturally Responsive Practices*
- *CREC: Powerschool Audit*
- *CAS: Leadership Professional Learning*
- Job-embedded professional development, conferences, and trainings

Progress Monitoring:

- Assessment Platforms (i.e. iReady and mClass Dibels)
- Link!It

Supplies:

- Instructional supplies (i.e. science, literacy and math intervention)
- Supplies supporting professional learning (i.e. professional books) and student and family engagement events

Next Steps

- October 13, 2026- BOE Agenda Item
- CSDE Alliance Grant Submission Review

Thank you

