



## Elizabeth Ross

### DIRECTOR

Liz Ross leads state policy for HCM Strategists' K-12 portfolio. She has spent the past seven years working with state policymakers, business and advocacy leaders, parents, and educators to ensure states adopt and maintain college- and career-ready standards and aligned assessments. During her time at HCM, she's led an effort to analyze the standards,

assessments and accountability landscapes of all 50 states in an effort to inform leaders about their states system and how to advance their policy agenda.

Liz is fully immersed in the implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and the development of strong accountability plans. She is working with the U.S. Chamber, Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) and the state of New Mexico to create models for how to constructively engage stakeholders, identify gaps and comply with the new law without undermining reforms that are already underway. On behalf of Learning Heroes, Liz worked with the National PTA, National Council of La Raza, and Military Child Education Coalition America's Promise Alliance in a ten-state campaign designed to educate parents on the PARCC and Smarter Balanced tests, including the components of the assessment and the critical role it can play in their child's education.

Prior to joining HCM, Liz served as the interim director for the Common Core State Standards at the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE). In this capacity, she led NASBE's technical assistance and communications efforts supporting state boards of education on the adoption and implementation of the Common Core standards and aligned assessments. She also staffed the NASBE Teacher Workforce study group to develop recommendations for state board members to revamp educator preparation, recruitment, retention and compensation policies. Following her time at NASBE, Liz served as the manager of state chapters and programs at the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. Liz led the Association's participation in two major initiatives to transform general and special education preparation policies to ensure candidates were prepared to teach to college and career ready expectations upon licensure.

In addition to her policy work, Liz has been involved in the special education community for over a decade. She is currently a coach with the Nova Cool Cats, an

ice-hockey team for individuals with disabilities. Liz received her master's degree in non-teaching special education from James Madison University.