

REL Central RERA Webinar: Practices for Raising Student Achievement in Rural Districts

May 24, 2016

1:00 – 2:15 p.m. Mountain time

Revised Agenda

Objectives

Participants will gain understanding of:

- Research results related to effective practices for raising student achievement in rural districts;
- The use of distance education courses in rural schools; and
- The effects of using an online Algebra I course on rural 8th grade students.

- 1:00 p.m. **Shelley Billig (REL Central)** will provide the welcome, and an overview of the Rural Education Research Alliance and related projects.
Stephany Brown (REL Central) will provide an overview of the webinar goals, anticipated outcomes, and speaker introductions.
- 1:10 p.m. **Introduction of Matthew Irvin** (by Stephany Brown)
- 1:11 p.m. **Matthew Irvin** will discuss the use of learner-center principals on student retention in distance education courses in rural schools. (20 minutes)
- 1:31 p.m. **Question-and-answer session with Dr. Irvin** moderated by the facilitator. (5 minutes)
- 1:36 p.m. **Introduction of Peggy Clements** (by Stephany Brown)
- 1:37 p.m. **Peggy Clements** will present findings from an IES study on the effects of offering an online Algebra I course to algebra-ready students in rural schools in Maine and Vermont that did not typically offer Algebra I to grade 8 students. (20 minutes)
- 1:57 p.m. **Question-and-answer session with Dr. Clements** moderated by the facilitator. (5 minutes)
- 2:02 p.m. **General Question-and-answer session** moderated by the facilitator. (8 minutes)
- 2:10 p.m. Closing—**Shelley Billig**