

## December 2021 REL Corner: Supporting Equitable Outcomes for Students

<u>Learn about REL Appalachia and its work</u>, and dive into these resources from across the REL program to learn about policies and practices to equitably support students' academic achievement and well-being.

- Resource Roundup: Equity. This resource roundup from REL Midwest features
  infographics, meeting materials, blog posts, fact sheets, and Ask A REL responses that
  promote equity in the areas of teacher diversity, culturally responsive practices, social
  emotional learning, discipline, and remote learning.
- Examining Educational Inequities: How do Algebra I and High School Outcomes Differ for Students Who Complete Algebra I in Grades 7, 8, or 9? This infographic from REL Appalachia displays the educational outcomes for different student groups who completed Algebra I in grades 7, 8, and 9 in Virginia based on a recent study. It provides recommendations for educators to implement at the classroom, school, district, and state level to achieve equitable student access to and success in Algebra I.
- Mathematics Instruction with an Equity Lens. This blog post from REL Appalachia shares guiding reflection questions for educators on who is actively participating in mathematics learning in their classrooms and how. Prompts include consideration of modes of participation and the academic vocabulary necessary for students to access content.
- Educator Diversity Matters. This infographic from REL Northeast & Islands shares
  research on the ways in which Black teachers help improve outcomes for Black students
  and data that highlights the lack of access Black students have to Black teachers. The
  infographic also shares examples of how states like Connecticut and Massachusetts are
  addressing this challenge.

- Integrating a Focus on Equity into Social and Emotional Learning (SEL). This
  infographic from REL Midwest provides eight strategies educators can implement to
  ground SEL programming in equity, including creating safe and inclusive schools,
  developing cultural competency, rethinking discipline, and providing trauma-informed
  care.
- Including Voice in Education: Addressing Equity Through Student and Family Voice in
   Classroom Learning. This infographic from REL Pacific dives into the why and how
   behind amplifying student and family voice through a culturally responsive approach,
   providing concrete strategies educators can use to empower and engage students and
   families in both virtual and in-person learning contexts.
- Using Data to Promote Equity in School Discipline. This training series from REL
  Northwest helps schools and districts improve their school discipline policies and
  practices. The series provides resources to help school and district teams use data and
  evidence to identify areas of concern, select interventions, develop action plans, track
  their effectiveness, and inform improvement decisions.
- How Equity Has Helped Close the Graduation Gap for Latino Students in One Oregon
   District. This blog post and video from REL Northwest shares how one school district in
   Oregon implemented policies and practices centered on equity to improve the graduation
   rates of Latino students. It also highlights examples of how schools in the district
   promoted a culture of equity through multiple angles such as curriculum development,
   master schedule planning, and staff professional development.
- Career and Technical Education (CTE): Providing Pathways to Increase Workforce
   Equity. This blog post from REL Midwest provides examples of equity-focused strategies
   CTE programs in Indiana are implementing to increase access and better prepare all students for success beyond high school. Strategies include creating flexibility within
   CTE programs to reach and support students, looking at data to better understand enrollment gaps, and decreasing enrollment barriers through opt-in policy alternatives.