

## Resource roundup: Tools for meeting the Every Student Succeeds Act evidence requirements

Prepare for a new school year with our roundup of resources to help educators understand the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) tiers of evidence and how to identify evidence-based practices.

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## Understanding why teachers leave: Developing a teacher exit survey

Teachers move on for many reasons. With REL Midwest's support, the Ohio Department of Education is developing a teacher exit survey to help districts better understand why teachers leave.

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## Championing social and emotional learning at the state level

Backed by a growing evidence base, social and emotional learning (SEL) has become a priority for many districts. In Indiana, REL Midwest is coaching the state on how best to assist districts in integrating SEL.

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## Infographic: Creating a more evidence-based education system

Interested in how we partner with educators to support evidence-based practice and address education challenges? Check out this infographic, which breaks down how REL research partnerships work.

[View the infographic](#) →

## Ask A REL

Browse the responses to some recent questions submitted to our Ask A REL reference desk—then [submit a question](#) of your own!

- What research is available on methodological approaches used to [measure and understand teacher retention](#)?
- What research is available on school-based practices or programs addressing [social and emotional learning, positive behavioral interventions and supports, and mental health](#) in grades K–12?
- What research is available on school-based [child abuse and child sexual abuse prevention](#) programs?
- What research is available on [full-day kindergarten and student achievement in reading](#)?

## Upcoming events

Don't miss our upcoming events this fall! All events are free and open to the public.

- **September 22: Kindergarten: Where Play and Learning Can Meet**, *Chicago PBS documentary* (airing 1:00–1:30 p.m. CT on WTTW Channel 11). If you're in the Chicago area, don't miss the airing of our documentary on the advantages associated with a play-based approach to learning in kindergarten. The program was developed in partnership with WTTW and the REL Midwest Early Childhood Education Research Alliance.
- **October 16: A Closer Look: Teacher Perceptions and Use of Technology in Teaching**, *Webinar* (4:00–4:50 p.m. CT). This webinar will examine instructional technology practices, professional development, and teacher perceptions in several rural Iowa high schools. Registration available soon. **Contact:** [lchecovich@air.org](mailto:lchecovich@air.org)
- **October 23: Supporting Students with Disabilities to Become College- and Career-Ready**, *Brainerd, Minnesota* (12:30–4:00 p.m. CT). This in-person event, cohosted with the Minnesota Department of Education, will explore effective strategies to prepare students with disabilities for college and career. [Register](#)

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