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New report examines students who focus on career and technical education in high school: Who are they and do they benefit?

Explore the key findings and takeaways from REL Midwest's latest study, which examined whether Indiana and Minnesota graduates who concentrated on a single career and technical education pathway in high school had different college and workforce outcomes from graduates who completed fewer or no career and technical education courses.

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Three concrete steps educators can take to accelerate reading growth for primary students during the 2021/22 academic year

After the disruption in education caused by the pandemic, many districts and schools hope to accelerate younger students' growth in reading. Although this task may seem daunting, research on reading suggests three concrete steps educators can take to meet this challenge.

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Supporting children's early reading and math instruction at home

Developed in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Education, this series of easy-to-use guides is designed to help families, afterschool and summer school providers, and other caregivers support children in kindergarten through grade 3 with reading and math instruction.

[Early reading guide ➔](#) [Early math guide ➔](#)

Using data to achieve equitable outcomes

Our coaching staff has extensive experience in using data and improvement science to promote equity in education. Two REL Midwest coaches answer questions on how they help partner districts and organizations apply continuous improvement processes to achieve equitable outcomes.

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How can we leverage American Rescue Plan funds to improve equity in education?

How can schools effectively spend the influx of American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds while addressing inequities? Use this four-step process from the Region 9 Comprehensive Center to analyze new and existing policies and practices through an equity lens.

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Ask A REL

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

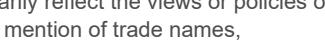
- What research is available on [data use practices that impact equity in schools](#)?
- What research is available on the [impact of audiobooks on early literacy development](#) in prekindergarten through grade 3?
- What research is available on [literacy skills that predict future reading proficiency](#) for students in prekindergarten through grade 3?

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