



Photo by Allison Shelley for American Education: Images of Teachers and Students in Action.

## Nurture the soil while planting the seeds: Three actions for creating inclusive and antiracist environments for Black teachers

Research shows that hiring and retaining Black teachers can improve outcomes for Black students, yet Black teachers are more likely than their White colleagues to leave the profession. Learn three actions educators can take to foster an inclusive and antiracist workplace and help retain Black teachers.

[Read more](#) → [Register for related December 2 webinar](#) →

## Leveraging research to promote equitable learning opportunities for students of color

District leaders with the Janesville School District in Wisconsin share how resources developed through the REL Midwest Achievement Gap Research Alliance are helping them close opportunity gaps and promote equity for students of color in a predominantly White district.

[Read more](#) →

## It takes a village: How community organizations, schools, and families can support early literacy

Watch our latest documentary, created in partnership with the Midwest Early Childhood Education Research Alliance and WTTW Chicago public broadcasting station, to learn how school districts can effectively partner with community organizations to promote early childhood literacy. The 19-minute documentary highlights several partnerships in Illinois.

[Read more](#) →

## On course for reading success: Best practices for teaching beginning readers

Strengthen and monitor beginning readers' progress in alphabets, reading fluency, and reading comprehension with the evidence-based instructional practices in this quick reference guide. The guide links each strategy to a What Works Clearinghouse Practice Guide to make it easier to learn more.

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## Resource roundup: Culturally responsive practices

National conversations related to social justice and antiracism reinforce the importance of culturally responsive education. Browse these resources from across the REL network for evidence-based recommendations to support culturally responsive practices.

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## REL COVID-19 resources to support equitable learning opportunities

Support equitable learning during the pandemic with the following resources from the Regional Educational Laboratory (REL) Program's [COVID-19 resources page](#). This page covers a number of topics related to teaching and learning and is being updated regularly.

- REL Mid-Atlantic webinar: [Learning Remotely in the Age of COVID-19: Lessons from Evidence and Concerns for Equity](#)
- REL Pacific blog post: [Key Considerations for Promoting Culturally Relevant SEL During COVID-19](#)
- REL Southwest blog post: [Taking Off Our Blindfolds, While We Wear Our Masks](#)

## 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 the [key components to measuring early literacy development](#) in students from prekindergarten through grade 3?
- What research is available on [teaching special education during emergency or temporary crises](#), such as the coronavirus crisis?
- What research is available on student outcomes associated with an [earned honors credit model in high school](#)?
- What research resources are available on [governance, management, and operations that support K-12 school improvement](#)?
- What research is available on the [impact of federal School Improvement Grants](#) on low-performing schools?

## Upcoming events

- **November 20: It Takes a Village: How Community Organizations, Schools, and Families Can Support Early Literacy**, *WTTW Prime documentary broadcast* (6:00 p.m. Central Time). Catch our newest documentary when it airs on WTTW, Chicago's public broadcasting station. If you're outside the broadcast area, you can [watch the documentary online](#).
- **December 2: Confronting Bias and Building Trust: Strategies to Create Inclusive Environments for Black Teachers**, *Webinar* (3:00–4:15 p.m. Central Time). Join us for a free webinar highlighting research on the importance and challenges of retaining Black teachers, as well as evidence-based strategies that may help districts and schools increase retention rates for Black teachers. [Register](#)

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