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Blog Post

Supporting state education agencies to design and implement Grow Your Own teacher programs

Learn how REL Southwest and the Texas Education Agency are partnering to help school districts increase their teacher candidate pool and the diversity of their teacher workforce through Grow Your Own programs. Then register for our December 15 webinar to learn how you can develop a Grow Your Own program in your state or district.

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Partnering with Arkansas to identify indicators that predict postsecondary readiness and success

Our College and Career Readiness Research Partnership studied middle and high school indicators of postsecondary readiness and success in Arkansas. In this blog post, we highlight the strongest predictors and preview related work underway to improve student outcomes and advance educational equity in the state.

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Resource roundup: Indicators of college and career readiness

We rounded up research and resources on indicators of college and career readiness from across the REL network to assist states and districts in monitoring students' progress. Knowing which indicators have strong predictive accuracy can help educators identify students who are off track and may need more support before it is too late.

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Examining career and technical education data: Insights from nine Texas districts

In Texas, REL Southwest provided coaching to support career and technical education directors in using data to inform local needs assessments, as required under the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V). This post shares districts' insights and lessons learned.

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Infographic

Recognizing bilingual knowledge through biliteracy seals

Designed for parents and caregivers, our newest infographic describes the use of biliteracy seals as a way to recognize and certify students' fluency in multiple languages. This infographic shares New Mexico's State Seal of Bilingualism-Biliteracy as one example and explains the different pathways that students can use to attain the seal.

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Infographic

Culturally responsive practices to support American Indian English learners' success

To learn core subjects, students need to understand the academic language and context used to explain the subjects. This infographic highlights promising culturally responsive practices to support English learners—particularly American Indian English learners—in their understanding of academic vocabulary and content.

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Video series on school turnaround research

To support low-performing schools in Texas, our Southwest School Improvement Research Partnership developed a series of six videos that unpack the research behind four strategic school actions (or whole-school interventions) and two school reform strategies: high-dosage tutoring and expanded learning time.

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? Ask A REL

Check out the responses to some recent questions submitted to the Ask A REL reference desk. Then explore the full list or submit a question of your own.

- What research is available on strategies for culturally responsive virtual instruction or digital learning?
- What research is available on rural teachers' access to instructional coaching?
- What research is available on the benefits of effective middle or high school counseling and advising practices for secondary and postsecondary success?

Upcoming Events

December 15, 2021: Grow Your Own Program, From State Education Agency to School District to Student Outcome, *Webinar (3:00–4:30 p.m. CT / 4:00–5:30 p.m. ET)*. This webinar is designed to help states and districts develop teacher pipeline programs to diversify their workforce and address staffing needs. The event features representatives from the Texas Education Agency, Crosbyton Consolidated Independent School District (CISD), and Goose Creek CISD. Learn more

Webinar archives

If you missed our recent webinars, the recordings and materials are available online.

- Supporting Student Success Through Positive Approaches to School Discipline
- Implementing Biliteracy Seals to Strengthen Bilingual Education and Support Cultural Awareness

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