

A partner in advancing equitable access and outcomes for learners in Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia

The Regional Educational Laboratory (REL) Appalachia partners with educators and leaders to engage in rigorous, change-oriented research and provides support that informs local, regional, or statewide decisions about education policies, programs, and practices. REL Appalachia provides services at no cost to state and local partners.

REL Appalachia builds capacity by:



Conducting research that addresses high-priority needs and examines what is working in schools and institutions of higher education.



Providing training, coaching, and technical support for use of data and evidence-based practices.



Sharing important findings with educators and leaders in a timely, accessible, and actionable manner.

Examples of how REL Appalachia has supported partners in the region:

Rural educators need evidence-based practices to strengthen students' successful postsecondary transitions. After [finding few examples](#) of practices that had been rigorously evaluated in rural settings, we designed and delivered a [three-part training](#) on promising practices. We then supported partners to use a [continuous improvement approach](#) to systematically implement these practices. To address the root problem, we joined with rural education leaders and researchers to host a [webinar](#) for policymakers and funders to encourage the engagement of rural communities in rigorous research, with the goal of building the knowledge base for everyone.

School division partners want to ensure all students have equitable access to and success in advanced mathematics courses, including Algebra I, in middle school. We conducted [research](#) to describe the current status of access and success in advanced mathematics courses in grades 7-9. We then designed a [template](#) for district staff to replicate the analyses regularly with their own local data. We also provided [training and coaching](#) to local leaders, supporting them to [develop professional learning models](#) to improve mathematics teaching. This [infographic](#), on how to embed research-based practices into professional learning for mathematics educators, shares resources derived from that coaching.



How can REL Appalachia support your local or state educational needs?

The REL Appalachia team brings content and methodological expertise across a range of critical education topics and needs to co-design and co-implement partnership activities. We are currently focusing on the following activities:



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REL Appalachia is deeply committed to supporting educators in our region. Connect with us to explore partnership or stay informed about our work.



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