



## Calling all grade 6 math educators—Join our study!

Is your middle school looking to improve math learning? REL Midwest invites you to join the Teaching Fractions Toolkit Study for the 2024/25 school year. Participating districts and their teachers will gain access to cutting-edge, research-based professional development resources at no cost and will receive compensation for their participation. This opportunity is for school districts and educators in the [REL Midwest region](#) who are seeking to enhance fraction instruction and the math education experience for their grade 6 students. Interested in learning more?

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## Our work



## How the Making Equitable Schools Audit approach supports discussions of equity to advance systems change

Many communities are working to confront inequities that permeate all aspects of our systems, including education. These efforts often involve difficult conversations about past violence and discrimination, ongoing inequities, and actions needed to achieve equity. Learn how REL Midwest is partnering with school leadership teams in Ohio to develop an approach that supports school communities in engaging in equity conversations that are productive and informed by data.

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## Practical strategies to engage caregivers in school climate surveys

Some states have passed laws that require caregivers to provide permission before students may take surveys about sensitive topics, such as mental or physical health. This blog post offers practical strategies that school leaders and educators can use to communicate with caregivers about school climate surveys and their beneficial role in helping schools assess how well they are providing supportive learning environments.

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## Leveraging students' home language knowledge to support literacy learning

All students come to school with a knowledge of language that reflects their community. By celebrating that knowledge, teachers can strengthen students' language skills. In the first of a two-part conversation, REL Midwest literacy coach Christina Grayson and speech-language pathologist Dr. Ryan Lee-James discuss the importance of incorporating students' diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds into literacy instruction.

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- [Data-Driven Decision-Making in Education: How REL Work Makes a Difference](#), REL Program blog series
- [Evidence-Based Writing Practices to Support English Learner Students](#), REL Southwest infographic
- [How to Build Positive Relationships with Students](#), REL Northwest blog post
- [Planting Seeds for Joyful Literacy Practices in Early Childhood Settings](#), REL West blog post
- [Understanding Personalized Learning Implementation with Data](#), REL Northeast & Islands blog post

## From the REL webinar archive

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- [Raising the Bar for Dyslexia Screening for Multilingual and Bidialectal Learners](#), REL Northeast & Islands

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