



## **Who We Are and What We Do**

Every five years, the [Institute of Education Sciences](#) (IES) launches a new cycle of work for its [Regional Educational Laboratory](#) Program. [REL Northwest](#), one of 10 regional labs in the United States, is pleased to begin this five-year cycle with new leadership and a new approach to our work. We're glad to have you with us.

For nearly 60 years, the RELs have partnered with educators and policymakers to support meaningful local, regional, or state decisions about education policies, programs, and practices. We take that mission seriously, especially as the pandemic spotlighted systemic equity issues in our education system.

[REL Northwest](#) works with partners in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington to develop and use evidence to inform decisions designed to improve learner outcomes. REL partners include organizations, such as:

- state and local education agencies,
- school boards,
- institutes of higher education, and
- student, family, and community organizations.

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## REL NW: How We Approach Our Work

In past years, Regional Educational Labs identified broad priorities for each five-year cycle and involved larger regional partnerships to understand educational challenges and promote the use of evidence-based practices. In the 2022-27 cycle, the RELs emphasize smaller, more focused partnerships with activities that will lead to measurable improvements in educational outcomes within the five-year contract.

The RELs conduct outreach and needs sensing with educators and policymakers, including state, local, and other education organizations, to identify specific needs and projects.

REL Northwest wants to provide research and support where it's needed the most, especially regarding equity issues that were magnified during the pandemic.

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