

Regional Educational Laboratory (REL) Pacific

REL Pacific is one of 10 Regional Educational Laboratories (RELs) funded by the Institute of Education Sciences at the U.S. Department of Education. The RELs work collaboratively with school districts, state education agencies, colleges and universities, and other education stakeholders in their regions to help promote the use of evidence-based policies and practices to improve student learning.

Who We Serve: The Pacific Region

REL Pacific partners with educators and policymakers in American Samoa, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Guam, Hawai'i, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), the Republic of Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI). Our work is rigorous, change-oriented, and high-leverage, supporting local and regional priorities and decisions about education.

How We Help

Our partnerships with key stakeholders aim to develop and apply evidence that can help educators, school and system leaders, and policymakers achieve significant long-term improvements in organizational effectiveness, educator practice, and student outcomes. We provide evidence-based training, coaching, and capacity building services to educators and school leaders throughout the region, and we also support families and community organizations who want to improve education policy and practice.

Regional Partnership Projects

REL Pacific partnerships focus on projects such as place-based education, college and career readiness, data use and literacy, and teacher effectiveness, development, and retention. These partnerships offer significant opportunities to create meaningful changes in teacher practice and student outcomes, while developing evidence-based research and data, useful tools, and practical strategies that address common high-leverage needs across the Pacific Islands and other regions.



Place-Based Education



College and Career Readiness



Data Use and Literacy



Teacher Effectiveness

Partnerships Include:

Guam Partnership for Supporting Student Success in Math:

This partnership with the Guam Department of Education provides research and evidence-based professional learning opportunities, resources, and implementation supports in order to build the capacity of teachers and instructional coaches to improve the quality of math curriculum and classroom instruction in elementary and middle school grades.*

CNMI Data Wayfinding Partnership for the Improvement of Literacy Instruction:

This partnership addresses student literacy and reading proficiency, and aims to increase data literacy for teachers and data-driven decision-making capacity for leaders across the CNMI Public School System.*

Hui (Partnership) for All to Benefit from Hawaiian Education:

This partnership with the Hawai'i Public Charter School Network aims to build and sustain a Hawaiian networked improvement community focused on place-based education.

RMI Partnership to Support Foundational Teaching and Learning:

This partnership with the RMI Ministry of Education, RMI Public School System, and College of the Marshall Islands promotes college readiness and success.*

Palau Partnership to Support Teacher Effectiveness:

This partnership with the Palau Ministry of Education and Palau Community College pursues a systems approach to developing and evaluating teacher effectiveness to support teacher development and retention and improved student outcomes.

FSM Partnership to Improve Teacher Effectiveness by Developing and Implementing an Evidence-Based, Culturally Sustaining Model for Instruction:

This partnership with the FSM National Department of Education (including four states—Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, and Yap) addresses system-wide change that aligns national education priorities to reach reading benchmarks, state-level efforts to implement language policies, and school-level improvement plans and strategies to meet accreditation standards—all to support student academic learning and performance.*

Ala (Pathway) for All Students in American Samoa:

This partnership with the American Samoa Department of Education and American Samoa Community College aims to improve all students' college and career readiness and success.*

* In development as of May 2022; subject to change.

REL Pacific Governing Board

REL Pacific is guided and advised by a governing board made up of key stakeholders representing a diverse set of expertise and experiences from across the Pacific region. The board supports REL Pacific by prioritizing the education needs of the region, providing strategic guidance on REL Pacific work to maximize local effectiveness, and leveraging members' regional networks to amplify awareness of REL Pacific's services and resources.



Learn More

The REL Pacific website features our latest products, blog posts, videos, and links to other REL resources. Check it out at <https://ies.ed.gov/ncee/rel/region/pacific>.

For more information, questions, or requests for assistance, email us at relpacific@mcrel.org.

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