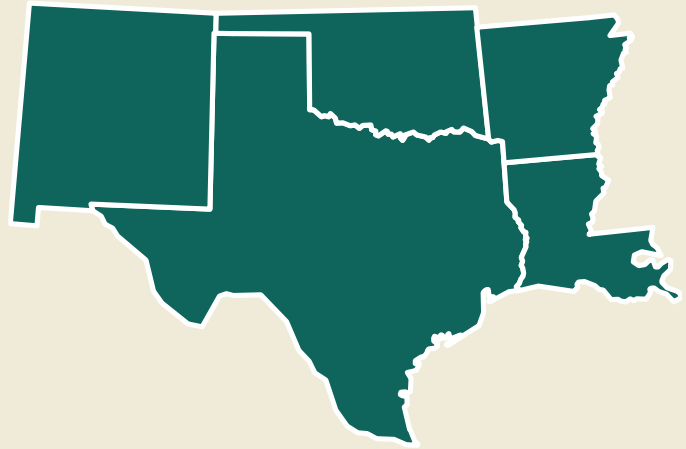


Regional Educational Laboratory Southwest partners with educators in the region to improve student outcomes.

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REL Southwest partners with educators and decisionmakers in **Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas** to support the use of evidence and data to improve student learning. In particular, REL Southwest seeks to address priorities related to the needs and outcomes of students **who are farthest from opportunity**.



Serving as a change agent for Southwest educators and decisionmakers

REL Southwest conducts its work through **research partnerships** with key organizations, groups, and individuals that can influence education policy and practice.



State education agencies



Regional education service centers



School districts



School boards



Colleges and universities



Student, family, and community organizations

These research partnerships engage in the following activities:



Training, coaching, and technical support to facilitate changes in practice or programming



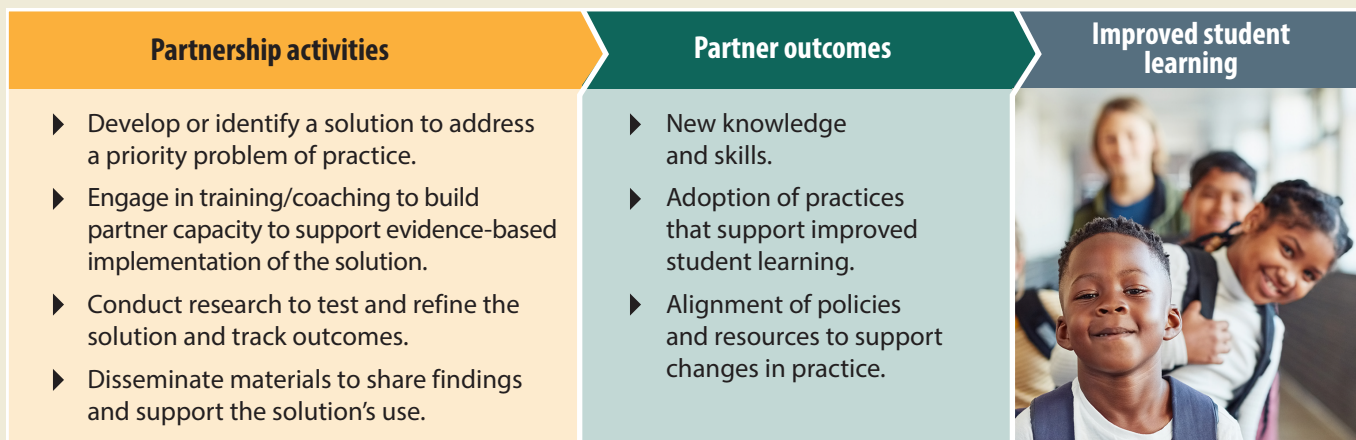
Applied research and the development of **research-based tools** to test and refine solutions to priority problems of practice



Dissemination to share research and evidence-based practices and support changes in practice and programming

REL Southwest's research partnerships

REL Southwest is partnering with local and state education agencies in the five states we serve to **explore and test new and existing research-based solutions** to high-leverage problems that align with state and local priorities.



Building Pathways for Student Success (BPSS) Partnership

Helping Arkansas educators implement and evaluate high-quality interventions and initiatives that strengthen students' college and career readiness.



Supporting Early Career and Aspiring Teachers (SECAT) Partnership

Helping Louisiana educators nurture and sustain aspiring and early career teachers to build a more diverse and supported teacher workforce.



Leading Early Childhood Achievement and Development (LEAD) Partnership

Helping Oklahoma early childhood educators deliver developmentally appropriate practices that improve student outcomes.



Southwest English Learner Literacy (SWELL) Partnership

Helping New Mexico educators deliver high-quality literacy instruction that supports all students, including English learner students, in developing stronger literacy and writing skills.

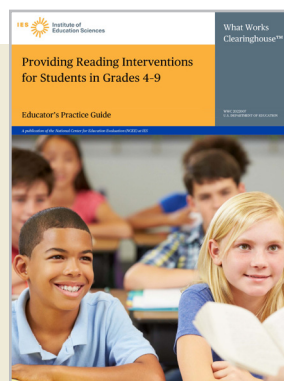


Texas Education Agency Tri-Agency Workforce Priorities (TTWP) Partnership

Helping Texas educators provide high-quality advising and counseling that prepares students for postsecondary success and meets the state's workforce needs.

TOOLKIT: PROVIDING READING INTERVENTIONS FOR STUDENTS IN TEXAS

REL Southwest is partnering with Texas state and local education agencies on a comprehensive toolkit to support grade 6–8 educators and administrators in addressing gaps in reading achievement exacerbated by the pandemic. The toolkit will draw on the What Works Clearinghouse practice guide [Providing Reading Interventions for Students in Grades 4–9](#) to meet the needs of students reading below grade level.



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