

The REL Program's primary mission is to help states and school districts systematically use research and data to answer important issues of policy and practice with the goal of improving student outcomes. These issues reflect high-priority regional needs that are also of major national significance.

Regional Educational Laboratory Southeast (REL Southeast)

SEDL is a subcontractor to the REL Southeast, led by Florida State University. The REL Southeast research alliances focus on four regional priorities: improving low-performing schools, scaling up the implementation of rigorous academic standards, determining charter school effectiveness and improving charter school performance, and improving literacy. The REL Southeast serves Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

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Regional Educational Laboratory Southwest (REL Southwest)

SEDL carries out much of the REL Southwest work through six research alliances. These alliances bring together educators, researchers, policymakers, and other stakeholders to collaborate and use data and research evidence to address high-priority regional needs. The REL Southwest research alliances focus on five regional priorities: determining the quality and effectiveness of prekindergarten programs, identifying factors related to program implementation, student performance, and parental choice in charter schools, narrowing the achievement gap for Hispanic and American Indian students, investigating barriers to academic success in rural schools, and improving instruction and educational outcomes for Hispanic students in the STEM disciplines. SEDL partners with the following organizations on the work of the REL Southwest: American Institutes for Research, Berkeley Policy Associates, Chesapeake Research Associates LLC, Decision Information Resources Inc, Empirical Education, Gibson Consulting Group, and RAND Education. The REL Southwest serves Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

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