



A LOOK AT **SREB** IN ITS 65TH YEAR

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Founded in 1948, the Southern Regional Education Board marks its 65th year in 2013. For a timeline of milestones accomplished through SREB over the years, please see the publication *65 Years: Helping States Improve Education*, available at SREB.org.

SREB 2013: 65 years of service to states

Education and economic growth go hand in hand. Each makes the other stronger.

And so it is with the partnership among SREB and its member states. The collaborative work we do not only strengthens public education; it also influences the economy and quality of life for people who make their home in the South.

The impact of this partnership is felt beyond geographic borders and boundaries. Indeed, the collective efforts of SREB's 16 member states – a compact now 65 years old – has yielded insights and policies that are valued and implemented in states outside the South.

With this year's annual report, we provide a view of the activity and knowledge that characterize SREB's work across a single year. Even a quick review will likely show you something new – a helpful resource or reference that perhaps you didn't know was available.



Fueling economies through education

65 Years Later, Ever More Services for Member States



Dave Spence, *President*

Governors of Southern states founded this organization in 1948 with one purpose in mind: Work together to make the region smarter so state economies could grow. These leaders knew that the best path out of the South's poverty was to build capacity for higher education so their citizens could lead better lives.

That mandate has grown ever more important over the decades, and the links among student achievement, a strong workforce and a thriving state economy cannot be overestimated. These days, it's tough to move into the middle class without a college degree or certificate that opens the door to jobs that pay well. And the community with a well-educated workforce is the one that attracts the best jobs, so its citizens have even more opportunities to advance their careers. Through this interconnected cycle, educational attainment drives everything from an individual's income and health to a state's tax base — which it can then invest in stronger schools and colleges to build tomorrow's workforce.

This year's SREB Chair, Bobby Jindal of Louisiana, has sharpened our focus on the relationship between education and workforce, and workforce development has been a priority of his administration. When businesses cannot find the qualified employees they need to grow, Louisiana citizens have fewer opportunities to move up, earn more and provide for their families, the Governor has said. The end goal of workforce development is improving quality of life by being sure people have the education and skills they need to fill good-paying jobs in the modern economy.

Closing gaps, smoothing transitions

Each step is essential along the way to this college- and career-ready populace. We must get all of our children off to a great start so they are prepared to do well in elementary and secondary school and are then ready to earn a college degree or certificate and go on to be successful adults who contribute back to their communities.

Closing gaps and smoothing transitions between these stages of education is a top priority for our states. To serve that need, SREB's work has expanded over the years to address points along the entire spectrum of education — from pre-K to Ph.D. and lifelong adult learning. SREB now works in statehouses and in schools, with essential statewide policies and best practices to translate them into action in the classroom.

During the course of our 65-year history, we've come together to set goals for progress and to forge policies to point us in the right direction. And it has made a real difference in the educational and economic trajectory of the region.

"SREB's work ... provides a backbone for sustained educational focus across leadership changes and a forum for states to share lessons. ... A bipartisan galaxy of southern education governors pushed reform agendas and garnered sustained funding for educational initiatives in partnership with legislatures. Accountability and assessment were prevalent well before No Child Left Behind ..." — *Building a Grad Nation, "Case Study of the South"* *

* Grad Nation campaign annual report by Civic Enterprises, the Everyone Graduates Center at the School of Education at Johns Hopkins University, America's Promise Alliance and the Alliance for Excellent Education.

To an ever-larger extent, our stability — the consistent support of our member states — enables SREB to raise, on average, 14 times our base funding in external grants from foundations and government agencies and in contracts and fees for specific services. Outside funding enables SREB to bring new services to our states to address specific needs. SREB's range and kind of services are tailored to the needs and priorities of individual states. But none of it would be possible without the long-standing commitment of our member states, which signals to funders our combined impact on improving education.

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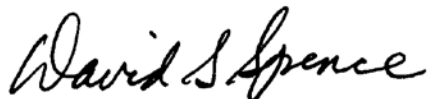
Painting a more complete picture

Governors, legislators and heads of state education agencies are our core constituents in this ongoing work. But as our services have expanded, we've begun to serve additional groups in our states. Technology directors at state agencies, for example, are committed members of our Educational Technology Cooperative. School principals and teachers around the nation embrace the key practices of our High Schools That Work programs for comprehensive school improvement.

As a result, some of our constituents know SREB only for the programs with which they come in direct contact. They might use our Fact Book data or our Academic Common Market program and be unaware that we have mentored minority doctoral scholars for 20 years and have recently begun helping states with issues surrounding teacher evaluation systems.

Our commitment to you in the coming year is to find better ways to be sure you are aware of the full extent of resources SREB membership affords — so that you can be sure your state is taking full advantage of them when it has a need

Thank you to Governor Jindal for chairing SREB this past year, and to our entire Board and Legislative Advisory Council for their leadership. Special gratitude goes to the 16 states that steadfastly support SREB while working to improve education in their communities.



SREB Programs and Services

SREB works with the full range of educational policy leaders — governors, state legislators, executive and legislative staff, and K-12 and postsecondary officials — on statewide policy issues. In addition, SREB works closely with staff at the agency, district, institution and school levels in targeted programs to address strategic educational issues. Member states receive a prolific schedule of SREB data, policy and best practice reports; a number of general services; and priority access to more targeted SREB programs funded by grants, membership fees or contracts.

Goals and Monitoring

Working with states to set goals, monitor state progress, and report to states

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Targeted Technical Assistance, Consulting and Convening of Leaders

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On-Call Service to Policy-Makers

Legislators, governors' staff and other education leaders call on SREB for information and assistance on education issues as they arise.

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K-12 PROGRAMS

Benchmarking CCSS

Multi-year study of how states are implementing the Common Core State Standards

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Transitional Courses for Readiness

Working with states to launch college-readiness courses for high school seniors

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Advanced Career (AC)

High schools don't have to limit their students to a choice between the college track and the career pathway. That's because SREB Advanced Career (AC) provides them with an intensely challenging and highly relevant approach to career/tech education. AC combines college-ready core content with hands-on, project-based assignments — all around a defined career focus, such as aerospace or energy technology.

SREB.org/Tomorrow

High Schools That Work

Comprehensive in-school program to raise student achievement and graduation rates

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Making Middle Grades Work

Network of schools with a framework and key practices for continuous improvement

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Technology Centers That Work

Helps shared-time centers produce high-demand, high-wage graduates

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National Online Teacher of the Year

Showcases excellent online teaching and learning

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FOR TEACHERS, PRINCIPALS AND COUNSELORS

Learning-Centered Leadership Program

Prepares principals to lead school improvement
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Summer Staff Development Conference

One of the nation's largest, with thousands of teachers and hundreds of sessions each year
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Collaborative Counselor Training Initiative

Prepares middle grades and high school counselors to help students get to college
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Training New Career/Tech Teachers

Prepares teachers from business for alternative certification and effective career and technical teaching
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Literacy Design and Mathematics Design Collaboratives

Powerful tools to reach the deeper learning of the Common Core State Standards
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INTERSTATE COOPERATIVES

Educational Technology Cooperative

Helps states use technology wisely in K-12 and higher ed; reports on ed tech topics
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Go Alliance

How do you motivate high school students — especially those who would be the first in their families to go to college — to graduate high school and continue their education? Go Alliance is a cooperative of states working together to accomplish just that. Members develop and share strategies, programs and communication materials to connect with students — and encourage them to keep going.

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HIGHER ED PROGRAMS

SREB-State Data Exchange

Collects, compiles and publishes extensive statistics on postsecondary education.
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Academic Common Market

You live in one of the 16 SREB member states. You want to go to college in your home state. But the degree program you seek isn't available at your state's institutions — it's offered in another SREB state, so you'd have to pay out-of-state tuition. SREB's Academic Common Market addresses this dilemma by allowing students to attend out-of-state colleges at discounted tuition rates. Through this collaboration, SREB states make more than 1,900 degree programs more accessible to each other.

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Regional Contract Program

Professional health degrees from selected programs at in-state or reduced rates
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Electronic Campus

Easy access to 30,000 online courses and 900 online degree programs in 16 SREB states
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SREB Electronic Campus Regional Reciprocity Agreement (SECRRA)

Permits members to offer online courses in other states without seeking authorization
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Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing

Surveys nursing education trends; shares online graduate nursing courses
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SREB-State Doctoral Scholars Program

Supports minority doctoral students to improve the diversity of college faculty and hosts the Institute on Teaching and Mentoring
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SREB Reports, 2012-2013

SREB keeps education leaders and legislators informed with reports that detail policy and data, state by state. These include timely updates on SREB-state legislative actions, frequent policy briefs on topics critical to states, model state policy for priority initiatives, and reports on progress toward the SREB *Challenge to Lead* Goals for Education.

Visit SREB.org to download a report, or contact SREB at (404) 875-9211.

GOALS FOR EDUCATION

Challenge to Lead 2020 Goals for Education

K-12 EDUCATION PROGRESS

A Decade of Progress: How SREB States Achieved Exceptional Gains

Progress Over a Decade in Preparing More Effective School Principals

Reaching Higher Ground: SREB States Outpace U.S. Growth in High School Graduation Rates

SREB States Lead the Nation in Progress on NAEP

K-12 EDUCATION POLICY



SREB States Transform School Accountability with NCLB Waivers

Bold accountability reform is under way in all 16 SREB states through federal waivers to *No Child Left Behind* provisions. SREB is monitoring these efforts. This brief details, state

by state, the varying new policies for achievement goals, systems for evaluating school performance, and ways to identify low-performing schools.

Toward Better Teaching: A View of Evaluation Policies, Practices and Lessons in SREB States

Trends in State-Run Virtual Schools in the SREB Region

High School to College and Careers 2013 reports

Federal Waivers Grant Flexibility to No Child Left Behind in SREB States

Major Provisions of Recent Teacher Reform State Legislation in SREB States

Recognizing Academic Achievement in Career/Technical Education: Conditions for Awarding Academic Credit for Career/Technical Courses

K-12 TEACHING



Literacy Design Collaborative and Mathematics Design Collaborative: Changing How Students Learn and Teachers Teach

"I know that I will always use this way of learning. It will help me get through college. It will help me in life." — Chemistry student from Arkansas

SREB is using a new approach to professional development to bring powerful teaching and learning tools into classrooms. The Literacy Design Collaborative and Mathematics Design Collaborative give teachers frameworks to build lessons that help students learn more. With these frameworks, teachers can engage students to read challenging texts, express their understanding in writing, struggle productively and take ownership of their learning. Through interviews, teachers and principals share early evidence that, with these teaching tools, learning is transformed, and students perform better on exams.

Improving the Quality of Career and Technical Alternative Teacher Preparation: An Induction Model of Professional Development and Support

Literacy Teaching Boosts Students' Interest in Science

SREB MILESTONES

65 Years: Helping States Improve Education

20 Years: A Generation of Success (SREB-State Doctoral Scholars Program)

K-12 AND HIGHER ED POLICY ACTION

2013 Legislative Reports

HIGHER ED POLICY



Essential Elements of State Policy for College Completion: Transitional Courses for College and Career Readiness

Too few high school graduates are adequately prepared for college or career training, and far too many need remedial classes when they get to college. SREB worked with states to design supplemental courses to teach the reading, writing and math skills students need to succeed in learning after high school. This paper details effective policy to implement the courses statewide.

Essential Elements of State Policy for College Completion: Dual Enrollment

Essential Elements of State Policy for College Completion: Outcomes-Based Funding

Essential Elements of State Policy for College Completion: Transfer

HIGHER ED DATA

SREB-State Data Exchange 2011-2012 Indicators Report

Fact Book Bulletin: Minority Enrollment Gains Show Region's Progress

Fact Book Bulletin: Men's Increase in College Enrollment Breaks Long-Term Trend

Fact Book Bulletin: Public Two-Year Colleges Approached Historic Milestone



SREB Fact Book on Higher Education, 2013

Changing demographics and rising college costs make achieving higher levels of education more difficult than ever. Still, enrollment and graduation trends are promising, and the SREB region has made good progress since 2000. The 2013 *SREB Fact Book* includes a wealth of information — data on regional and state populations, enrollment, degrees, tuition and financial aid, faculty, and revenue and expenditures for the 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. *Featured Facts* books highlight data for the 16 SREB states.

ADDITIONAL RECENT SREB REPORTS OF NOTE

A New Mission for the Middle Grades: Preparing Students for a Changing World. The Report of the SREB Middle Grades Commission

A Critical Mission: Making Adolescent Reading an Immediate Priority in SREB States. The Report of the Committee to Improve Reading and Writing in Middle and High Schools

The Next Generation of School Accountability: A Blueprint for Raising High School Achievement and Graduation Rates in SREB States

Skills for a Lifetime: Teaching Students the Habits of Success

No Time to Waste: Policy Recommendations for Increasing College Completion

Promoting a Culture of Student Success: How Colleges and Universities Are Improving Degree Completion

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Funding

Appropriations from each member state support SREB's core operations and general services. To an ever larger extent, SREB leverages the long-standing and steadfast commitments of member states to attract external funding — on average, 14 times our base funding — in external grants and contracts for an array of specific education improvement projects available to member states.

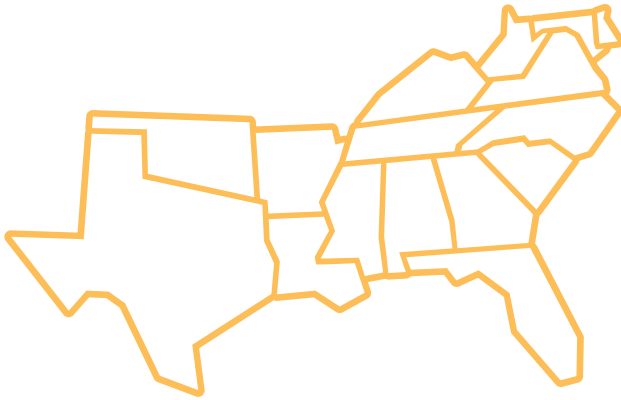
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About SREB

The Southern Regional Education Board works with 16 member states to improve public education at every level, from pre-K through Ph.D.



SREB is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization headquartered in Atlanta. Member states are Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia. SREB's work is funded by member appropriations and by grants and contracts from foundations and local, state and federal agencies.

The Board includes the governor and four gubernatorial appointees from each member state, including at least one state legislator and one educator. The Legislative Advisory Council of legislators from each state advises the Board.

SREB was created in 1948 by Southern governors and legislators who recognized the link between education and economic vitality. To this day, the organization maintains its focus on critical issues that hold the promise of improving quality of life by advancing public education. The region's track record shows that setting goals and maintaining the commitment to work toward them can make a difference.

The nation's first regional interstate compact for education, SREB is today the most comprehensive, working directly with state leaders, schools and educators.

SREB:

Helps states focus on what works in both policy and practice. We work hand in hand with policy-makers such as state legislators and education agency officials as they implement policies to improve student achievement, raise high school graduation rates and boost college completion.

Brings together member states to forge consensus and work together on initiatives that would not be possible alone.

Works directly with public schools and educators to improve classroom teaching and learning, career/technical education, online education and school leadership.

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