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ESSA = Opportunity to Refine Evaluation Systems

How will states respond to increased responsibility for teacher evaluation systems under the Every Student Succeeds Act? In [State Actions to Advance Teacher Evaluation](#), SREB identifies 10 areas where state agencies can continue refining their systems and make full use evaluation data to improve teaching.

States should consider shifting emphasis from classroom observation *procedures* to *conversations and feedback* quality, the new report says. States should also consider adjusting how student growth measures are incorporated, so that these elements do not undermine educators' trust in the system as a whole

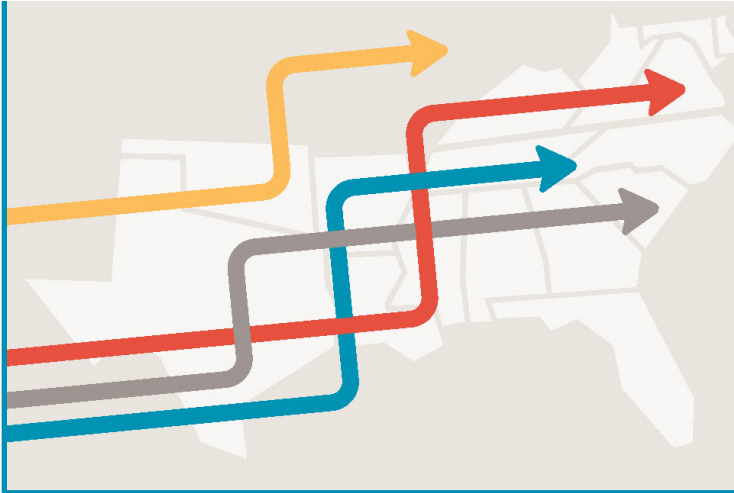
SREB's educator effectiveness team provides consultation and technical assistance for individual states, conducts on-the-ground research to understand implementation, and cultivates a network for state leaders to learn from peers working toward the same goal. Contact SREB Vice President for Educator Effectiveness [Andy Baxter](#).

[State Actions to Advance Teacher Evaluation](#)

[Executive Summary](#)

**Taking action to
share ownership and
sustain teacher
evaluation implementation**





Every SREB state education agency has taken foundational steps to strengthen evaluation and feedback for educators. Many educators agree that new teacher evaluations are better than the yes-no checklists that were previously in place. State agency leaders across the SREB region share a promising commitment to continue with teacher evaluation, regardless of federal policies — and SREB is here to help.

More Affordable, Accessible Health Degrees

SREB's [Regional Contract Program](#) helps students earn specialized, professional health degrees at lower costs. Residents of participating states can attend neighboring-state programs in dentistry, medicine, optometry, osteopathic medicine, podiatry and veterinary medicine.

At public institutions, students pay in-state tuition rates; at private institutions, they pay reduced tuition. States save the high costs of creating their own specialized health programs. More than 700 students participate each year.



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Uncommon Degree Savings

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Worthy of Note is a digest of notable news on ed tech topics from SREB's Educational Technology Cooperative. The [latest issue](#) focuses on data analytics,



"When children start school behind their peers, and later drop out or fail to live up to their potential, we have to clean up the mess, paying for incarceration, health care and other costs," writes Delaware Senator Gary Simpson, a member of the SREB [Early Childhood Commission](#). "I think we can cut some of these problems off at the pass."

[Article from the Delaware News Journal](#)
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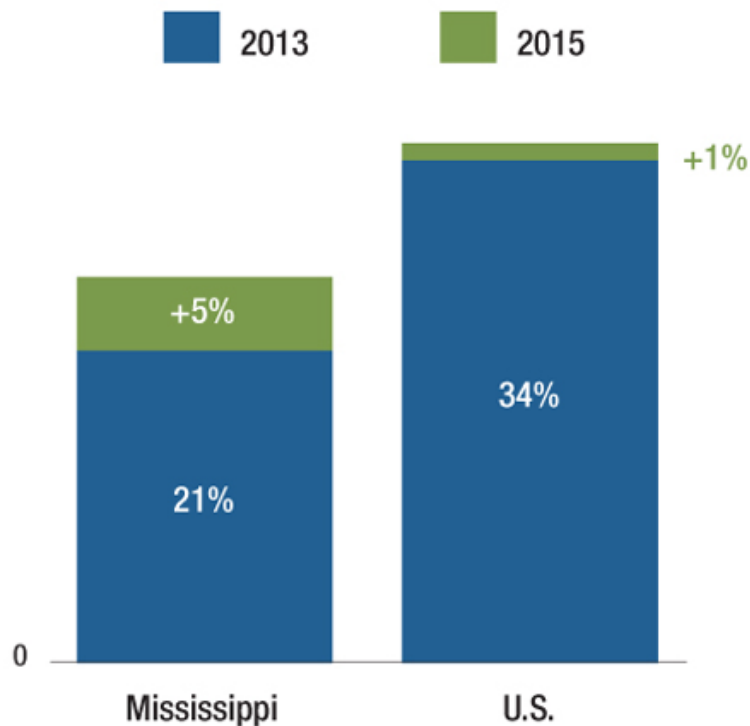
About 2,500 students participate each year. In [Delaware](#) this year, for example, 94 students have saved more than \$1.2 million in tuition.

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Mississippi Improves Faster Than U.S. on NAEP Proficient in 4th-Grade Reading



Mississippi also improved faster than the U.S. on fourth-grade math for the same time period. The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is known as "The Nation's Report Card." NAEP results are comparable by state. For more on reading and math results, visit [NAEP.com](#).

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