The Southern Regional Education Board

The Southern Regional Education Board works with states to improve education at every level, from early childhood through doctoral education and the workforce.

SREB is a nonpartisan, nonprofit interstate compact of 16 states, headquartered in Atlanta. Our work is funded by appropriations from our states, as well as by grants and contracts from foundations and from local, state and federal agencies.

Mission

To guide and support states as they advance all levels of education to improve the social and economic vitality of the SREB region.

Vision

Each child and adult in the SREB region will have high-quality educational opportunities that build on the rich diversity of the region and lead to productive, meaningful lives and robust economies.

- We help policymakers make informed decisions by providing independent, accurate data and recommendations.
- We bring leaders together to share information about what works.
- We help educators strengthen student learning with continuous improvement, professional learning, proven practices and curricula.
- We help policymakers, institutions and educators share scarce resources to accomplish more together than they could alone.



SREB States

Alabama Mississippi Arkansas North Carolina Delaware Oklahoma Florida South Carolina Georgia Tennessee Kentucky Texas Louisiana Virginia Maryland West Virginia



History

The nation's first regional interstate compact for education, SREB was created in 1948 by Southern governors and legislators who recognized the link between education and economic vitality.

Governance

The Board guides our work to improve education in the South. All governors of SREB states are members of the Board and one chairs SREB on an annual basis. Four other Board members from each state are appointed by the state's governor; one much be a legislator and one must be an educator.

2024 Priority Topics

Artificial Intelligence and Education

Career Pathways

Longitudinal Literacy

Teacher Workforce

Postsecondary Student Success

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SREB Programs & Services

SREB Goals for Education: State Progress Reports

The Goals for Education provide states with a framework to chart their path toward educational improvement. SREB reports comparable data by state, region and nation on progress toward key metrics from birth to the workplace. SREB.org/StateProgress

Support for Governors, Legislators and Education Staff **Monitoring Legislative Action**

Legislators, governors, state agencies and their staff may contact SREB any time for assistance with timely information on education issues. SREB staff also monitor proposals and actions related to education in the Southern states. SREB.org/legislative-actions-education

Open Educational Resources

Open Educational Resources are educational materials that are freely available for use, sharing and modification by educators and learners. OER promotes open access to high-quality educational content, reduces the cost of education for students, and encourages collaboration among educators and institutions. SREB.org/OER

Educational Technology Cooperative

The SREB Educational Technology Cooperative includes representatives from state K-12 education agencies, career and technical education agencies, and higher education coordinating and governing boards. With members from each state in the region, conversations delve into the national landscape of technology in education, capturing nuanced state differences, SREB.org/EdTech

Technology and Insurance Savings

SREB partners with the Midwestern Higher Education Compact to bring cooperative purchasing contracts to schools, colleges and state agencies in the South. States save millions of dollars annually on technology through this partnership. Postsecondary institutions may also find student health and mental health solutions through MHEC. SREB.org/purchasing-agreements

Connecting Education and the Workforce

Recent **SREB** commissions have addressed how schools and colleges can prepare students for the world of work. Our analysts monitor data on educational attainment and workforce trends, and our school improvement programs help schools adopt high-quality <u>career pathways</u>.

K-12 School Improvement Services

Making Schools Work Summer Conference

This is an annual week-long conference that brings together thousands of people in education to network and gain professional development opportunities in our 400+ sessions. SREB.org/Conference

Coaching for Change Conference

This is an annual two-day conference where administrators and instructional coaches meet to develop skills that enable them to support schools. It is the only coaching conference of its kind. SREB.org/Coaching

Curriculum and Instruction Reviews

These are a chance for schools to identify problems and find solutions. We compile data to help schools create action plans, leading to better school achievement. <u>SREB.org/curriculum-instruction-reviews</u>

Career Pathway Reviews

Offering career pathways won't be as effective if students don't have opportunities or interest in that field. Our reviews help schools focus on pathways that are useful. SREB.org/career-pathway-reviews

Site Development Workshops

In these workshops, we work with principals, teachers, counselors and stakeholders to find pressing problems within their schools and to create solutions. <u>SREB.org/site-development-workshops</u>

Research and Evaluation Services

Our research and evaluation services include student and teacher surveys, school progress reports, assessment reports, analyses and evaluations, and more. They help schools examine their curricula, programs and services. SREB.org/research-evaluation-surveys

Coaching for Teachers and School Leaders

Our coaching team supports schools as they use our problem-solving process to implement the plans they created during curriculum and instruction reviews, career pathway reviews and site development workshops.

Professional Learning

We offer professional learning opportunities for K-12 school leaders and teachers. These sessions help schools align their instruction and assignments with readiness standards while creating motivational learning opportunities for students.

Curricula

We help schools develop turnkey curriculum solutions designed with student success in mind. These curricula are based on decades of research and help students make connections to real-world opportunities. SREB.org/curricula

Powerful Instructional Practices

SREB's PIPs help teachers create engaging lessons, assignments and assessments that put students in charge of their own learning. They can be used within any existing curriculum to improve instruction. SREB.org/powerful-instructional-practices

Teacher Workforce

Teacher Compensation Dashboard

SREB tracks and analyzes state-by-state data on teacher compensation, including health and retirement benefits, salaries and take-home pay in our **Teacher Compensation Dashboard**.

Educator Human Capital Roundtables

SREB provides customized research and facilitates in-state convenings to help leaders hold statespecific conversations on how to improve their teaching workforce through recruitment, preparation, retention and professional growth. SREB.org/education-human-capital-roundtables

New Teacher Preparation and Induction

Through timely and intensive coaching and professional development, experienced educators help early-career teachers improve their competence and confidence. SREB's research-proven framework is tailored for math, science and CTE teachers who come to the classroom without an undergraduate teaching degree.

Postsecondary Programs & Services

Academic Common Market

Thousands of students whose states don't offer their desired degree pay in-state tuition for that program in another SREB state. ACM allows states, universities and college students to share access to uncommon degree programs. SREB.org/AcademicCommonMarket

Regional Contract Program

More graduate students can pursue specialized professional health degrees at out-of-state universities through this program. States save the high cost of building their own specialized programs. SREB.org/regional-contract-program

SARA: State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements

Colleges in the SREB region save about \$30 million annually by participating in SARA. The agreements expand high-quality offerings for students and ease the cost for states and institutions. SREB.org/SARA

HBCU-MSI Course-Sharing Consortium

This collaboration connects students at historically Black colleges and universities and other minorityserving institutions with a wider variety of online courses to broaden offerings and help more students graduate on time. SREB.org/hbcu-msi-course-sharing-consortium

Doctoral Scholars Program

Layers of support — mentoring, career counseling, research funding and more — help underrepresented minority students earn doctorates and become faculty members. SREB hosts the annual Institute on Teaching and Mentoring, the nation's largest gathering of minority Ph.D. scholars. SREB.org/DoctoralScholars

Postsecondary Education Data

The Fact Book on Higher Education covers comparative data for enrollment, degrees, tuition and financial aid, faculty and administrators, revenue and expenditures and more. The SREB-State Data Exchange of state higher education governing and coordinating boards publishes additional statistics on postsecondary education in the South. SREB.org/FactBook

HBCU-MSI Collaborative

SREB convenes this group to help historically Black colleges and universities and other minorityserving institutions build strategic partnerships to increase access, capacity and competitiveness. SREB.org/sreb-hbcu-msi-collaborative

Student Success Summit

This annual convening of higher education administrators, policymakers and scholars highlights the importance of college student success through strategies and collaborative conversations. SREB.org/StudentSuccessSummit