

# SREB

## The Southern Regional Education Board and Member States

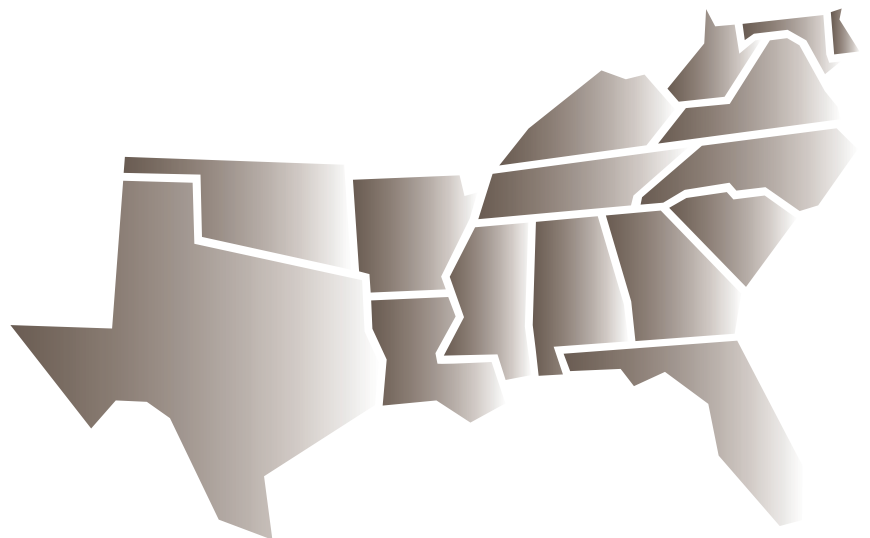
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*An overview of SREB programs and services and how  
each member state participates in them.*

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**T**he Southern Regional Education Board works to improve public education at every level, from early childhood through doctoral education.

A nonprofit, nonpartisan organization headquartered in Atlanta, SREB was created in 1948 by Southern governors and legislators who recognized the link between education and economic vitality. The region's track record shows that setting goals and maintaining the commitment to work toward them make a difference.

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SREB brings together states to focus on what works in both policy and practice, enabling them to improve student achievement, raise high school graduation rates and boost college completion in ways that would not be possible without working together. SREB serves a wide range of education policy leaders, including governors, state legislators, executive and legislative staff, and K-12 and postsecondary agency officials. Targeted SREB programs work directly with educators and scholars at the district, institution and school levels.

SREB's work is funded by member appropriations, by grants from foundations and agencies, and through contracts with district and state agencies. See Funding on Page 23 for details.

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# Policy

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## Goals for Education | Monitoring state policies

SREB tracks trends and analyzes progress toward SREB's Challenge to Lead 2020 Goals for Education at every level of education. In 2014 and 2015, staff provided policymakers comparative and state-specific reports on subjects including state progress toward meeting the SREB Challenge to Lead 2020 Goals for Education, implementation of college- and career-readiness standards, workforce development, and college affordability data and analyses on family ability to pay, financial aid and reliance on student loans. Please see Reports, Page 22, for a full list.

## College and career readiness

SREB is working intensively to help member states implement these essential components of SREB's recommendations for statewide college and career readiness:

1. **Adopt statewide readiness standards** for the literacy and mathematics skills students need to succeed in postsecondary study.
2. **Assess high school juniors** to determine their progress in achieving the readiness standards.
3. **Offer transitional readiness courses** and require juniors assessed as underprepared to take the classes in 11th or 12th grade.
4. **Apply the standards in college.** Ensure that public postsecondary institutions apply the readiness standards agreed to with K-12 in deciding whether students need additional learning support after admission and, if so, the form of such support.
5. **Hold schools accountable** to increase postsecondary readiness as an important criterion in school accountability systems.

*SREB has worked with all 16 member states on some or all of these elements. The following eight SREB states have passed related legislation:*

Arkansas	Maryland
Florida	Tennessee
Georgia	Texas
Kentucky	West Virginia

SREB is assisting Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and West Virginia in their reviews of K-12 standards in literacy and mathematics and assisted Oklahoma as well.

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## Benchmarking College- and Career-Readiness Standards

Tracks and reports progress on how states are implementing college- and career-readiness standards. In January, SREB published *Benchmarking State Implementation of College- and Career-Readiness Standards, Aligned Assessments and Related Reforms* on how 14 states have implemented their standards. Six individual reports make up the set: a cross-state findings report that describes trends across the states and their work — plus five reports with detailed state profiles by topic.

*Participating SREB states:*

Alabama	Kentucky	Mississippi	Tennessee
Delaware	Louisiana	North Carolina	West Virginia
Georgia	Maryland	South Carolina	

In February 2015, SREB launched a new phase of the benchmarking project — tracking and reporting on standards implementation in all 16 SREB states.

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## Educator effectiveness

SREB's educator effectiveness team helps states create and implement educator policies that promote effective teaching. To help policymakers apply current research on what works, the team provides technical assistance, presentations, convenings, reports and extensive discussions on these issues, with a focus on educator evaluation and feedback systems. This year, the team released findings and recommendations on one component of evaluation systems: *Toward Trustworthy and Transformative Classroom Observations*.

SREB also provides an online tool that tracks proposed legislation on teacher and leader evaluation as well as evaluation policies across all SREB states. During 2014-15, educator effectiveness staff worked with legislators, state agency leaders and policymakers in every SREB state.

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## Early childhood education

### Early Childhood Commission

SREB's Early Childhood Commission convened leaders to recommend policies that will give more young children a solid start when they enter school. The Commission's focus is on access to high-quality programs and the importance of highly skilled teachers to young children's learning experiences. Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear chaired the Commission, which presented draft recommendations for the SREB Board to consider in summer 2015 and published its report in fall 2015. Members of the Commission:

**Steve Beshear**, Governor, Kentucky *Chair*

**Matt Arthur**, Deputy Commissioner, Technical College System of Georgia

**Tamara Barringer**, State Senator, North Carolina

**Melanie Barton**, Executive Director, Education Oversight Committee, South Carolina

**Harry Ray Brooks**, State Representative, Tennessee

**Steve Carter**, State Representative, Louisiana

Ann Coody, State Representative, Oklahoma  
Sharon Darling, President and Founder, National Center for Families Learning, Kentucky  
Joyce Elliott, State Senator, Arkansas  
Marsha Farney, State Representative, Texas  
Vivian Davis Figures, State Senator, Alabama  
John Ford, State Senator, Oklahoma  
Derrick Graham, State Representative, Kentucky  
Dolores Gresham, State Senator, Tennessee  
Sheila Ellis Hixson, State Delegate, Maryland  
Janet Howell, State Senator, Virginia  
Lillian Lowery, State Superintendent of Schools, State Department of Education, Maryland  
Jennifer McClellan, State Delegate, Virginia  
Fran Millar, State Senator, Georgia  
Joseph Miro, State Representative, Delaware  
John Moore, State Representative, Mississippi  
David Perry, State Delegate, West Virginia  
John Pruette, Executive Director, Office of Early Learning, Department of Public Instruction, North Carolina  
Johnnie Roebuck, Former State Legislator and Retired Educator, Arkansas  
Inez Tenenbaum, Attorney at Law, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, South Carolina  
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## Career and technical education

### Commission on Career and Technical Education

SREB's Commission on Career and Technical Education, chaired by Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear, explored optional career pathway programs of study to help more students acquire the academic and technical knowledge and skills to earn industry and postsecondary credentials and secure high-skill, high-wage, high-demand jobs. The Commission's April 2015 report, *Credentials for All: An Imperative for SREB States*, offers states policies and practices to build high-quality career pathways that transform educational systems and increase attainment of postsecondary credentials and degrees. Members of the Commission:

Steve Beshear, Governor, Kentucky, *Chair*

June Atkinson, State Superintendent, Public Schools of North Carolina

Alan Baker, State Representative, Alabama

Tommy Bice, State Superintendent of Education, Alabama State Department of Education

Hugh Blackwell, State Representative, North Carolina

Jay Box, Chancellor, Kentucky Community and Technical College System

Harry Ray Brooks, State Representative, Tennessee

**Terry Burton**, State Senator, Mississippi  
**Aneesh Chopra**, Senior Advisor, the Advisory Board, Washington, D.C.  
**Norman Conway**, Former State Delegate, Maryland  
**Elizabeth Creamer**, Advisor for Workforce Development, Secretary of Commerce and Trade, Office of Governor Terry McAuliffe, Virginia  
**Rod Duckworth**, Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education, Florida Department of Education  
**Gayle Flowers**, Director, Career, Adult & Alternative Education, Caddo Parish Public Schools, Louisiana  
**John Ford**, State Senator, Oklahoma  
**Derrick Graham**, State Representative, Kentucky  
**Steve Gratz**, Director, Office of Career-Technical Education, Ohio Department of Education  
**Teri Quinn Gray**, President, Delaware State Board of Education  
**Donald Griffith**, Director, Teacher Training Program, University of South Carolina, School of Engineering and Computer Science  
**Robert Gunter**, Vice President for Workforce Education, Mid-South Community College, Arkansas  
**Barbara Hampton**, Member, Georgia State Board of Education  
**Greg Higdon**, President and CEO, Kentucky Association of Manufacturers  
**Terry Holliday**, Commissioner of Education, Kentucky Department of Education  
**Lloyd Jackson**, Member, State Board of Education, West Virginia  
**Ronald Jackson**, Former Commissioner, Technical College System of Georgia  
**Johnny Key**, Commissioner, Arkansas Department of Education  
**John Legg**, State Senator, Florida  
**Jean Massey**, Associate State Superintendent, Mississippi Department of Education  
**Joe May**, Chancellor, Dallas County Community College District, Texas  
**Joseph U. Meyer**, Former Secretary of Education and Workforce Development, Kentucky  
**Danielle Mezera**, Assistant Commissioner, Career and Technical Education, Tennessee Department of Education  
**Sharon Morrissey**, Vice Chancellor for Academic Services & Research, Virginia Community College System  
**Katharine Oliver**, Former Assistant State Superintendent, Maryland State Department of Education  
**Phil Owens**, Former State Representative, South Carolina  
**Dennis Parker**, Assistant Manager, Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing, North America Production Support Center, Kentucky  
**Robert Plymale**, State Senator, West Virginia  
**Tim Shaughnessy**, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, Gateway Community and Technical College, Kentucky  
**David Sokola**, State Senator, Delaware  
**Robert Sommers**, Former Secretary of Education and Workforce Development, Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education  
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**J. Alvin Wilbanks**, CEO and Superintendent, Gwinnett County Public Schools, Georgia  
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## Commission on computer science and related fields

A new SREB commission will recommend statewide policies and practices to build the interest and skills of young people to enter careers in computer science, information technology and related fields. The Commission will study projected labor demand and current gaps in policy and programs, then outline the types of education that can prepare young people for these growing fields. Chaired by Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson, it begins meeting fall 2015. (See *SREB.org* or future editions of this report for members.)

## Postsecondary education

Two commissions carried SREB's completion initiative into the states in 2014 and 2015, with strong emphasis on readiness and pathways for community colleges and affordability for all students. Building on the success of 2011-14 regional working groups of legislators to vet issues and craft recommendations, both commissions included Board and Legislative Advisory Council members and other key policymakers in the states.

### Community College Commission

SREB's Community College Commission released its report in early 2015, calling on states to reform college placement, reconsider math and literacy requirements, carefully monitor students who need developmental (remedial) courses, and provide firm guidance along structured pathways where students clearly see entry, exit and re-entry points to continue their education. Members of the Commission:

**Dan Branch**, Former State Representative, Texas

**Walter Bumphus**, President, American Association of Community Colleges, Washington, D.C.

**Thomas Campbell**, Member, State Board of Education, West Virginia

**Glenn DuBois**, Chancellor, Virginia Community College System

**Joyce Elliott**, State Senator, Arkansas

**Randy Hanna**, Former Chancellor, Division of Florida Colleges

**Sheilla Lampkin**, State Representative, Arkansas

**Joe May**, Chancellor, Dallas County Community College District, Texas

**Mike McCall**, Former President, Kentucky Community and Technical College System

**Joe H. Pickens**, President, St. Johns River State College, Florida, *Co-Chair*

**John Polk**, State Senator, Mississippi

**Scott Ralls**, President, North Carolina Community College System

**Bernie Sadusky**, Executive Director, Maryland Association of Community Colleges

**Tim Shaughnessy**, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, Gateway Community and Technical College, Kentucky, *Co-Chair*

**Jabar Shumate**, Former State Senator, Oklahoma

**Jim Skidmore**, Chancellor, West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education

**Francis Thompson**, State Senator, Louisiana

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## Commission on College Affordability in the South

SREB's Commission on College Affordability in the South met during 2014 and 2015 to examine states' goals for postsecondary access and attainment and the role affordability should play in achieving those priorities. Drawing on affordability profiles prepared for each state, current research findings and examples of promising practices, the Commission will issue a report and recommendations in early 2016. Members of the Commission:

**Wayne Andrews**, President, Morehead State University, Kentucky  
**Alan Baker**, State Representative, Alabama  
**Melanie Barton**, Executive Director, Education Oversight Committee, South Carolina  
**Hugh Blackwell**, State Representative, North Carolina  
**Peter Blake**, Director, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia  
**Glenn Boyce**, Commissioner of Higher Education, Institutions of Higher Learning, Mississippi  
**Harry Ray Brooks**, State Representative, Tennessee  
**Julie Carullo**, Deputy Director and Director of External Relations, South Carolina Commission on Higher Education  
**Norman Conway**, Former State Delegate, Maryland  
**Walter Dalton**, President, Isothermal Community College, North Carolina  
**Krissy DeAlejandro**, Executive Director, tnAchieves  
**Russ Deaton**, Interim Executive Director, Tennessee Higher Education Commission  
**Lee Denney**, State Representative, Oklahoma  
**Joyce Elliott**, State Senator, Arkansas  
**Terry England**, State Representative, Georgia  
**Gregory Fitch**, Executive Director, Alabama Commission on Higher Education  
**Erik Fresen**, State Representative, Florida  
**Herb Frierson**, State Representative, Mississippi  
**James Halligan**, State Senator, Oklahoma  
**Randy Hanna**, Former Chancellor, Florida College System  
**Jack Hill**, State Senator, Georgia  
**Paul Hill**, Chancellor, Higher Education Policy Commission, West Virginia  
**Sheila Ellis Hixson**, State Delegate, Maryland  
**Hank Huckaby**, Chancellor, University System of Georgia  
**Mac Huddleston**, State Representative, Mississippi  
**Jennie Hunter-Cevera**, Acting Secretary, Maryland Higher Education Commission  
**Glen D. Johnson**, Chancellor, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, *Chair*  
**Robert King**, President, Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education  
**Shana Payne**, Director, Delaware Higher Education Office  
**Joe H. Pickens**, President, St. Johns River State College, Florida  
**Robert H. Plymale**, State Senator, West Virginia  
**John Polk**, State Senator, Mississippi  
**Brett Powell**, Director, Arkansas Department of Higher Education  
**Joseph Rallo**, Commissioner of Higher Education, Louisiana Board of Regents  
**Richard Rhoda**, Former Executive Director, Tennessee Higher Education Commission



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**Tim Shaughnessy**, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, Gateway Community and Technical College, Kentucky

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## Passport Project

SREB is joining other regional compacts in the Passport Project, a new learning outcomes-based framework to accelerate and streamline transfer of student course credits among institutions in different states.

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# Professional Development for Teachers, Principals and Counselors

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## Learning-Centered Leadership Program

Works with district, state and university partners to prepare aspiring principals and school leadership to lead school reform to ensure that students are ready for college and careers. This program offers training, guidance, technical assistance and leadership modules. To date, more than 4,000 educators across the SREB region have been trained on these modules.

*SREB states that participated in the Leadership Forum, webinars, workshops or online courses from July 2014 through June 2015:*

Alabama	Louisiana	Tennessee
Florida	Mississippi	
Georgia	South Carolina	

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## Literacy Design Collaborative

Teaches students strategies for reading and understanding specific kinds of complex texts in all subjects to reach the rigorous literacy college- and career-readiness standards. Middle grades and high school students learn to develop and defend ideas from the text and write about them in different college-level formats. SREB's innovative approach starts by training exemplary content teachers as leaders and embeds professional development into the school day and classroom.

*SREB states that participated in SREB's LDC training during 2014-15:*

Alabama	Kentucky	Tennessee
Arkansas	Maryland	Texas
Florida	North Carolina	Virginia
Georgia	South Carolina	West Virginia

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## Mathematics Design Collaborative

Uses formative assessment lessons — a hybrid of assessment and instruction — as a tool to help students reach rigorous college- and career-readiness standards. SREB's innovative approach starts by training exemplary content teachers as leaders and embeds professional development into the school day and classroom.

*SREB states that participated in SREB's MDC training during 2014-15:*

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

SREB is partnering with state departments of education in Alabama, Mississippi, North Carolina and Texas to roll out LDC and MDC instructional strategies in hundreds more middle grades and high schools over a three-year period. The first cohort of teachers began in the 2014-15 school year.

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## High Schools That Work Summer Staff Development Conference

Annual conference for thousands of school leaders, teachers and counselors from middle grades, high schools and technology centers across the country.

*Number of attendees at the July 2015 conference, by SREB state:*

Alabama, 319	Georgia, 266	Mississippi, 40	Tennessee, 78
Arkansas, 122	Kentucky, 40	North Carolina, 290	Texas, 86
Delaware, 10	Louisiana, 62	Oklahoma, 210	Virginia, 39
Florida, 14	Maryland, 4	South Carolina, 866	West Virginia, 215

In addition, more than 1,400 professionals from other states attended.

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## College- and Career-Readiness Networking Conference

Conference to share effective instructional strategies of the Literacy and Mathematics Design Collaborative frameworks.

*Over 1,200 teachers and leaders attended the conference in July 2015. Attendees by SREB state:*

Alabama, 253	Georgia, 71	Mississippi, 145	Tennessee, 30
Arkansas, 53	Kentucky, 59	North Carolina, 157	Texas, 29
Delaware, 0	Louisiana, 18	Oklahoma, 9	Virginia, 8
Florida, 20	Maryland, 1	South Carolina, 87	West Virginia, 31

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## Teaching to Lead

SREB helps states redesign programs that prepare business professionals to become career and technical education teachers through an alternative certification route. SREB's Teaching to Lead program provides new CTE teachers knowledge and skills to manage a classroom of diverse students; plan challenging, work-related assignments that will improve students' academic, technical and problem-solving skills; motivate students to complete assignments; and assess student progress.

*Number of teachers trained in 2014-15 in SREB states:*

Kentucky, 20	Oklahoma, 24
Mississippi, 70	West Virginia, 30

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## College and Career Counseling Initiative

Works with colleges of education, education agencies and college access programs to provide training modules for middle grades and secondary school counselors, teachers, administrators and college access professionals to improve their effectiveness in preparing students from low-income families for postsecondary education.

*Participating states in the SREB region:*

Alabama	Louisiana	South Carolina
Delaware	Mississippi	Oklahoma
Georgia	North Carolina	Tennessee

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# High School and Middle Grades Improvement

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## SREB Readiness Courses: Math Ready and Literacy Ready

### *Ready for postsecondary study*

SREB courses that teach the reading, writing and mathematics skills young adults must have to succeed in college study and the workplace after high school — how to think independently, read for information and solve problems. Developed by teams of educators and faculty from partner states around the nation, the courses are being field tested in several states and are available at no cost.

SREB is working with states to adopt policies that require the courses to be offered statewide for all students who need them, such as those who test as underprepared in 11th grade.

*SREB states that participated in developing, reviewing or field testing the courses:*

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

The courses were implemented in over 100 high schools in SREB states in 2014-15. SREB has trained more than 700 teachers in 2015, working closely with state education agencies in Arkansas, Mississippi, North Carolina and West Virginia. SREB worked with Texas to develop Readiness Courses aligned to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills. The Readiness Courses are available to schools at no cost on iTunes U, where they have been downloaded over 3,600 times.

Updated versions of the Readiness Courses — revised based on teacher feedback — are available as of summer of 2015.

### *Ready for high school*

Building on its Readiness Courses for high school students, SREB is working with states to develop courses for the transition from middle grades to high school. Underprepared students will take the classes in eighth or ninth grade. The courses will be available at no cost to schools in all states starting in 2016-17.

*Middle school and high school teachers from these states are participating in the development, field-test and review of the literacy and math Readiness Courses for high school:*

Arkansas	Kentucky	Tennessee
Florida	Maryland	West Virginia
Georgia	North Carolina	

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## Advanced Career

A new approach to career and technical education that combines college-readiness academic content with hands-on, project-based assignments centered on a modern-day career focus. The aim is to prepare more students for as many options as possible after high school: a high-value job, college, community college or technical school.

Teams from nine states in the AC consortium are working with SREB to develop four-course sequences of study in career areas important to their states. The pathways are shared with consortium members and available to other states as well.

Thirty-nine schools in eight SREB states, plus 13 schools in five states outside the SREB region, implemented one or more Advanced Career pathways in the 2014-15 school year. Another 20 schools in 11 SREB states and 18 schools in six other states implemented pathways in 2015-16.

*SREB state members of the Advanced Career consortium and the career pathway curricula they are developing:*

### **Alabama**

aerospace engineering

### **Arkansas**

innovations in science and technology

### **Kentucky**

integrated production technologies  
informatics

### **North Carolina**

project management

### **South Carolina**

clean energy technology

### **Texas**

oil and gas

### **West Virginia**

energy and power

Hundreds of teachers and administrators attended AC sessions at the 2015 High Schools That Work summer conference. Over 1,200 school and career and technical education leaders receive periodic issues of *Advanced Career News*.

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## High Schools That Work

The nation's largest school improvement program. HSTW strategies transform high schools into places where all students master complex academic and technical concepts. SREB provides staff development, technical assistance, publication resources and assessment services. More than 1,350 schools in 30 states use the framework and its 10 Key Practices to raise student achievement and graduation rates.

*SREB states participating in the HSTW network and their number of active schools during 2014-15:*

Alabama, 22	Kentucky, 26	South Carolina, 192
Arkansas, 44	Louisiana, 23	Tennessee, 56
Delaware, 2	Mississippi, 13	Texas, 57
Florida, 8	North Carolina, 31	Virginia, 10
Georgia, 75	Oklahoma, 29	West Virginia, 45

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## Making Middle Grades Work

The nation's first large-scale effort to engage state, district and school leaders in partnerships with teachers, students, parents and the community to raise student achievement in the middle grades. In addition to workshops and school visits, SREB links schools to the specific professional development resources they need. The network includes 663 schools in 20 states.

*SREB states that participate in MMGW and number of active schools in 2014-15:*

Alabama, 165	Louisiana, 16	Tennessee, 21
Arkansas, 4	Maryland, 10	Texas, 30
Florida, 18	Mississippi, 3	Virginia, 6
Georgia, 29	North Carolina, 16	
Kentucky, 22	South Carolina, 122	

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## Technology Centers That Work

Helps shared-time centers implement actions to produce graduates who will be leaders in high-demand, high-wage careers. SREB provides staff development, technical assistance, publications and assessment services. The network includes almost 200 sites in 18 states.

*Active centers in SREB states in 2014-15:*

Alabama, 10	Louisiana, 1	Virginia, 1
Arkansas, 13	Oklahoma, 25	West Virginia, 15
Georgia, 3	Tennessee, 20	
Kentucky, 3	South Carolina, 17	

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## The National Research Center for Career and Technical Education

Provides policy and practice solutions to challenges facing career and technical education, including engaging students in school; improving academic and technical achievement; and better transitioning high school students to college and careers.

*SREB states receiving professional development through NRCCTE in 2014-15:*

Kentucky  
Maryland  
Texas

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## Counseling for Careers

Helps students align career pathway programs of study to career goals, postsecondary studies and employment. SREB works with districts and schools so that teachers, counselors, administrators,

parents and community partners can advise students on career opportunities, career pathway programs of study, work-based learning experiences, postsecondary education and training opportunities. *Participating SREB states:*

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Florida	Kentucky	North Carolina	West Virginia

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## Higher Education

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### Student access programs and services

#### Academic Common Market

Provides in-state tuition access to degree programs not available in a student's home state. During 2014, approximately 1,900 degree programs were available, 150 institutions participated and nearly 2,500 new students were certified for study.

*SREB states that participate in the Academic Common Market:*

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

\* *Graduate-level only*

#### Regional Contract Program

Gives students in SREB states the opportunity to earn a professional health degree from participating institutions in other states at in-state tuition rates. SREB is the fiscal agent and handles administrative duties without additional fees to the states, institutions or students. More than 700 students participate each academic year.

*SREB states with institutions that provide programs for RCP:*

Alabama	Kentucky	Oklahoma
Florida	Louisiana	Tennessee
Georgia	Mississippi	Texas

*SREB states with participating students:*

Arkansas	Kentucky	South Carolina
Delaware	Louisiana	West Virginia
Georgia	Mississippi	



## Electronic Campus

Partners with colleges and universities to give students access to more than 40,000 online courses and more than 3,700 online degree programs.

*All 16 SREB states participate in the Electronic Campus and are listed with the number of programs they provide as of September 2015:*

Alabama, 344	Mississippi, 63
Arkansas, 108	North Carolina, 728
Delaware, 11	Oklahoma, 18
Florida, 638	South Carolina, 90
Georgia, 330	Texas, 630
Kentucky, 161	Tennessee, 221
Louisiana, 132	Virginia, 76
Maryland, 136	West Virginia, 27

## SREB Electronic Campus Regional Reciprocity Agreement

SREB member states may opt in to the SREB Electronic Campus Regional Reciprocity Agreement (SECRRA) for state authorization to offer online courses in other states. *All SREB states participate in SECRRA.*

A new nationwide system of reciprocity, the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA), available to SREB states, will open more high-quality online offerings for students and ease regulatory burden on institutions.

*As of September 2015, six SREB states are approved members of SARA:*

Arkansas	Tennessee
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Oklahoma	West Virginia

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## Education data services

### SREB-State Data Exchange

Collects, compiles and disseminates statistics on a variety of postsecondary education indicators. Post-secondary agencies from each SREB state are invited to participate and appoint Data Exchange coordinators. Data from each SREB state are updated annually on a wide range of policy topics: degree and certificate completion, student persistence and progression, time- and credits-to-degree, student credit hours (including those taken by students still in high school), tuition and fee levels and policies, and faculty salaries.

*All 16 SREB states — and 23 agencies in them — participate.*

## SREB Fact Book on Higher Education

One of the nation's most comprehensive collections of comparative data, the *Fact Book* keeps policymakers informed with trend data for all 50 states on the population and economy, enrollment, degrees, student tuition and financial aid, faculty and administrators, as well as revenue and expenditures. The *Fact Book* — and *Featured Facts* reports for each SREB member state — are printed biennially, and *Fact Book* tables are updated regularly at [SREB.org/Data](http://SREB.org/Data). *Fact Book Bulletins* periodically update state leaders on key issues.

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## Nursing education

### Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing

Helps expand and strengthen schools of nursing at colleges and universities to reduce the critical shortage of nurse educators needed to educate registered nurses. The Council surveys institutions for nursing education trends and shares online graduate nursing courses.

*All 16 SREB states participate and are listed with the number of member institutions as of June 2014:*

Alabama, 12	Georgia, 18	Mississippi, 10	Tennessee, 12
Arkansas, 6	Kentucky, 5	North Carolina, 6	Texas, 10
Delaware, 1	Louisiana, 9	Oklahoma, 1	Virginia, 6
Florida, 9	Maryland, 4	South Carolina, 6	West Virginia, 3

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## Minority Ph.D. scholars

### SREB-State Doctoral Scholars Program

Supports minority doctoral students to earn their Ph.D.s, find employment and improve the diversity of college faculty. Hosts the annual Institute on Teaching and Mentoring, the nation's largest gathering of minority Ph.D. scholars, with more than 1,200 attendees.

*SREB states and their participation:*

(Data as of September 2015. Figures do not reflect participation from institutions outside the SREB region.)

#### Alabama

Scholars supported since joining: 167

Scholars funded in 2015-16: 15

#### Arkansas

Scholars supported since joining: 92

Scholars funded in 2015-16: 6

#### Delaware

Scholars supported since joining: 2

Scholars funded in 2015-16: 0

#### Florida

Scholars supported since joining: 2

Scholars funded in 2015-16: 0

#### Georgia

Scholars supported since joining: 164

Scholars funded in 2015-16: 38

#### Kentucky

Scholars supported since joining: 125

Scholars funded in 2015-16: 10

**Louisiana**

Scholars supported since joining: 150

Scholars funded in 2015-16: 26

**Maryland**

Scholars supported since joining: 43

Scholars funded in 2015-16: 1

**Mississippi**

Scholars supported since joining: 71

Scholars funded in 2015-16: 6

**North Carolina**

Scholars supported since joining: 5

Scholars funded in 2015-16: 0

**Oklahoma**

Scholars supported since joining: 29

Scholars funded in 2015-16: 5

**South Carolina**

Scholars supported since joining: 112

Scholars funded in 2015-16: 15

**Tennessee**

Scholars supported since joining: 105

Scholars funded in 2015-16: 8

**Texas**

Scholars supported since joining: 10

Scholars funded in 2015-16: 0

**Virginia**

Scholars supported since joining: 116

Scholars funded in 2015-16: 6

**West Virginia**

Scholars supported since joining: 60

Scholars funded in 2015-16: 11

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## Interstate Cooperatives

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**Go Alliance**

An interstate cooperative to increase high school graduation rates, access to education beyond high school, and postsecondary degree completion — particularly for those who would be the first in their families to enroll in higher education. Go Alliance research and services focus on college access policy, student support programs and communications strategies to motivate students to plan for and apply to postsecondary education.

*SREB states that participate in Go Alliance:*

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Delaware	Mississippi	Tennessee
Georgia	North Carolina	West Virginia
Louisiana	Oklahoma	

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SREB partners with the Midwestern Higher Education Compact so SREB states may participate in MHECtech discount agreements. Schools, universities and agencies saved 3 percent to 18 percent on a regionwide total of nearly \$24 million in technology purchases during fiscal year 2015.

*MHECtech purchases by state, fiscal year 2015:*

Alabama: \$415,941	Louisiana: \$732,658	Tennessee: \$1,683,682
Arkansas: \$300,072	Maryland: \$4,998,418	Texas: \$5,460,005
Delaware: \$235,024	Mississippi: \$384,530	Virginia: \$1,213,518
Florida: \$1,285,255	North Carolina: \$1,520,946	West Virginia: \$1,049,208
Georgia: \$1,332,902	Oklahoma: \$1,519,292	
Kentucky: \$409,866	South Carolina: \$1,204,406	

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## **Educational Technology Cooperative**

Membership group of state higher education and K-12 coordinating and governing boards representing more than 800 colleges and universities and 3,100 school districts in SREB member states. The ETC focuses member agencies and state policymakers on using technology wisely, reports on educational technology topics and connects members.

*Members are state departments of education and governing or coordinating higher education boards in SREB states:*

### **Alabama**

Alabama State Department of Education  
Alabama Commission on Higher Education

### **Arkansas**

Arkansas Department of Education  
Arkansas Department of Higher Education

### **Florida**

Florida Virtual Campus

### **Georgia**

Technical College System of Georgia  
University System of Georgia

### **Kentucky**

Kentucky Department of Education  
Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education

### **Louisiana**

Louisiana Board of Regents

### **Maryland**

Maryland Higher Education Commission

### **Mississippi**

Mississippi Community College Board  
Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning

### **North Carolina**

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction  
North Carolina Community College System

### **Oklahoma**

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

### **South Carolina**

South Carolina State Department of Education  
South Carolina Commission on Higher Education

### **Tennessee**

Tennessee Board of Regents

### **Texas**

Texas Education Agency  
Texas Virtual School Network

### **West Virginia**

West Virginia Department of Education  
West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission

# Leadership

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## Members of the Board

The Board includes the governor and four gubernatorial appointees from each member state, including at least one state legislator and one educator. *Members as of October 2015:*

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- Vacancy
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Report of the SREB Early Childhood Commission

*Credentials for All: An Imperative for SREB States*

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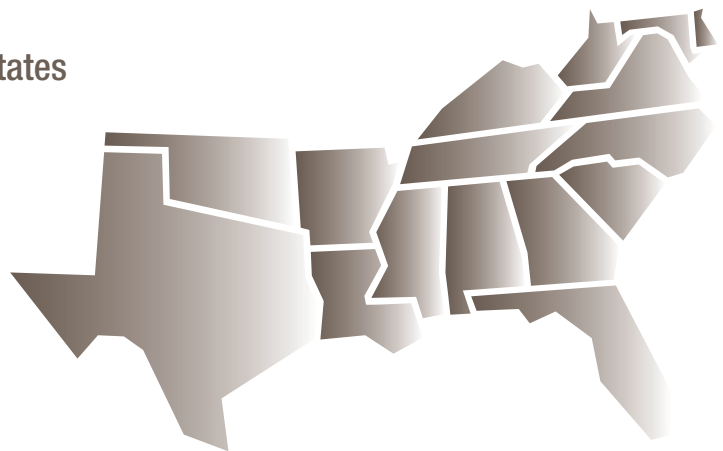
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