

# Louisiana and The Southern Regional Education Board

*This report details Louisiana's participation in SREB programs and services from June 2014 through May 2015. Appropriations from member states support SREB's core operations and general services. SREB leverages the long-standing commitment of member states to attract external funding for an array of targeted projects for educational improvement efforts in member states. Louisiana receives a number of general services, plus access to programs funded by grants, contracts and fees for specific services.*

## Leadership

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### SREB Board

John Bel Edwards, Governor

Francis C. Thompson, State Senator

John C. White, State Superintendent of Education

Sandra K. Woodley, President, University of Louisiana System

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### SREB Legislative Advisory Council

Gerald Long, State Senator, Winnfield

Francis C. Thompson, State Senator, Delhi

*Senator Thompson is the second longest-serving member of the Council, since 1980.*

# Policy

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## Goals for education | Monitoring state policies

*Monitoring, measuring and reporting through comparative and state-specific reports to assist education leaders and policymakers as they shape public policy in education. SREB tracks trends and analyzes the progress of all 16 SREB states in each area in the Challenge to Lead 2020 Goals for Education and provides Legislative Reports that detail legislative and budget actions in each state.*

Louisiana information is included in all reports, as applicable, and several are targeted specifically for Louisiana.

Reports published in 2014-15:

***Louisiana: Taking Stock and Moving Forward***

2014 State Progress Report on the Challenge to Lead 2020 Goals for Education

*High School to College and Careers, 2014*

*The ACT and SAT: No Longer Just College Admission Tests*

*SREB States Transform School Accountability with NCLB Waivers, 2014*

*Workforce Development in SREB States: The Role of Two-Year Colleges in Preparing Students for Middle-Skill Jobs*

*Focus on Compulsory Attendance Policies: About Age or Intervention?*

*Notes on School Finance: Selected Information on Funding for Low-Income Students in SREB States*

*Legislative Reports and Legislative Briefing*

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## College and career readiness

*Intensive work to help states implement essential components of SREB's recommendations for statewide college and career readiness.*

1. Adopt statewide readiness standards for literacy and mathematics skills.
2. Assess high school juniors to determine their progress toward the standards.
3. Offer transitional readiness courses. Require juniors assessed as underprepared to take the courses in 11th or 12th grade.
4. Apply the standards in deciding whether students need learning support after admission to college.
5. Hold schools accountable for increasing postsecondary readiness.

Louisiana is making progress on its postsecondary readiness agenda.

SREB staff worked with Louisiana Senator Ben Nevers on legislation for transfer articulation from K-12 to postsecondary education.

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## Benchmarking State Implementation of College- and Career-Readiness Standards

*Tracks and reports state progress on how states are implementing college- and career-readiness standards.*

**SREB launched a new phase of benchmarking in February 2015.** In this work, SREB tracks and will report on implementation of standards and related reforms in **all 16 SREB** states.

### *Publications*

In January 2015, SREB published ***Benchmarking State Implementation of College- and Career-Readiness Standards, Aligned Assessments and Related Reforms***. Six reports make up the set covering 14 states: a cross-state findings report that describes trends across the states — plus five reports with detailed state profiles by topic.

The reports note Louisiana as a ***leading state*** for standards and assessments, aligned teaching resources, professional development and teacher and leader evaluation; and a ***strong state*** for accountability.

### *Support for States*

SREB's benchmarking staff provided information and support to state leaders on the implementation of standards and related reforms during fall 2014 and winter 2015.

- Benchmarking staff presented on implementation of college- and career-readiness standards to:
- SREB Board and Legislative Advisory Council members, including attendees from Louisiana, at SREB's Annual Meeting in June 2014.
- Legislative and governors' staff, including attendees from Louisiana, in October 2014.

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## English Learners

*Conference on preparing English language learners for college and career, co-hosted in May 2014 by SREB, the National Council on La Raza and the Hunt Institute.*

A **fact sheet for Louisiana** includes population trends, state and federal policies, and programs, standards and assessments for English learners.

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## Educator effectiveness

*Helps states create policies that support teacher effectiveness so students learn more in the classroom. SREB staff work with policymakers and state agencies in all member states to help them translate current research on what works into evaluation systems that create an environment where teaching improves.*

Representatives from the Louisiana Department of Education attended the Equitable Access to Excellent Teachers and Leaders meeting in San Diego, during which the SREB educator effectiveness team presented information on state equity plans in February.

The educator effectiveness team refreshed the **educator effectiveness Bill Tracker** in January, which allows Louisiana policymakers to track bills across eight topics, including teacher preparation, evaluation and professional learning.

Staff presented on educator evaluation at SREB's Legislative Advisory Council meeting in December.

SREB staff updated Louisiana attendees at SREB's Meeting of Legislative and Governors' Staff in October on recent changes to **educator evaluation systems** in SREB states.

The team released the **Elements of Evaluation interactive database** in October, which allows Louisiana policymakers to explore policies across 16 states on classroom observations, student growth measures and professional learning systems.

More than 1,000 policymakers and practitioners across the 16 SREB states receive the bi-weekly educator effectiveness newsletter.

The SREB educator effectiveness team provided technical assistance, brokered expertise and provided policy and practice resources to Louisiana:

- SREB Board and LAC members
- State legislators and legislative staff
- Governor's staff
- State education agency staff
- District superintendents
- School principals
- Teachers

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## Career and technical education

### State Leaders' Forum

*Convenes state education leaders and policymakers to consider policies and leadership to create and sustain quality career and technical education. Co-sponsored with the State Consortium for Improving High School Career and Technical Studies.*

Louisiana attendees at the November 2014 forum: **2**

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## SREB Commission on Career and Technical Education

*Explored how optional career pathway programs of study can help more students acquire the academic and technical knowledge and skills needed to earn industry and postsecondary credentials and degrees to secure high-skill, high-wage, high-demand jobs.*

The Commission's final report, *Credentials for All: An Imperative for SREB States*, offers states policies and practices to build high-quality career pathways that transform their educational systems, increase postsecondary credential and degree attainment, and ensure their future economic security.

Louisiana member of the Commission:

Gayle Flowers, Director, Career, Adult and Alternative Education, Caddo Parish Schools

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## Early childhood education

### SREB Early Childhood Commission

*Convenes 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. The Commission will present draft recommendations for the SREB Board to consider in summer 2015 and will publish its report later in 2015.*

Louisiana members of the Commission:

Steve Carter, State Representative

Mike Walsworth, State Senator

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## 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 the 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.

### SREB Community College Commission

*Recommended statewide strategies to strengthen the role of community and technical colleges in raising educational attainment in Southern states.*

Louisiana member of the Commission:

Francis Thompson, State Senator

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## SREB Commission on College Affordability in the South

*Recommends postsecondary policies that lead with the need for affordability and adjust institutional appropriations, student aid and tuition policies accordingly.*

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Francis Thompson, State Senator

Sandra Woodley, President, University of Louisiana System

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## State Services

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*Connects policymakers with custom information, presentations and assistance on education issues as they arise.*

*Custom information by request of Louisiana policymakers and staff:*

Governor's staff: teacher salaries

Legislator: legislation topics

Legislative staff: value-added modeling

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## Professional Development for Teachers, Principals and Counselors

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### Literacy, Math Design Collaboratives

Nine middle grades and high schools in Louisiana joined a three-year partnership of SREB, the Louisiana Department of Education and school districts. Teams of teachers and leaders attended SREB's annual Staff Development Conference and participate in ongoing regional professional development focused on Literacy Design Collaborative and Mathematics Design Collaborative tools. Each school also receives on-site school improvement coaching to organize faculty for continuous improvement and help teachers embed new instructional practices in classrooms. Participating schools:

Bastrop High School

Carroll Junior High School

Farmerville Junior High School

Lee Junior High School

Madison High School

Madison Middle School

Morehouse Junior High School

Union Parrish High School

West Monroe High School

*"MDC has transformed our math department ... math failures have dramatically decreased."*

— Mandy Green, Assistant Principal, **West Monroe High School**

*“LDC has changed not only the way teachers teach, but how the students learn. Throughout this process our school has transformed the way we deliver information to students.”*

— Dana Mullins, Principal, **Lee Junior High School**

In 2015-16, the schools will receive ongoing support to develop Counseling for Careers programs that align with the state’s Jump Start initiative and to continue the focus on literacy and math instruction. Counseling for Careers professional development and job-embedded coaching will help schools develop systems of support for students as the state’s Jump Start program is implemented.

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### Literacy Design Collaborative

*A teaching framework to help students learn the literacy skills of college- and career-readiness standards. Teachers learn to design assignments that engage students to learn subject content while advancing reading and writing skills. SREB’s innovative training starts with exemplary teachers, who then work with other teachers to help them adopt the strategies.*

Louisiana’s participation:

Teacher experts trained by SREB: **58**

Number of schools: **13**

### Mathematics Design Collaborative

*A teaching framework to help students understand basic mathematics concepts, become fluent with mathematics procedures, and develop the reasoning to apply them to solve problems. MDC teachers use formative assessment lessons — a hybrid of assessment and instruction — to help students master college- and career-readiness standards. SREB’s innovative training builds the capacity of lead teachers to become trainers of other teachers.*

Louisiana’s participation in 2014-15:

Teacher experts trained by SREB: **44**

Number of schools: **11**

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### Enhanced Project-Based Learning in CTE

*Training model for existing career and technical education programs in high-demand, high-skill, high-wage fields. Teachers improve assignments and assessments by working with business and industry partners to develop projects that require students to apply technical, college- and career-readiness and technology skills.*

Louisiana’s participation in 2014-15:

Teachers participating in SREB training: **53**

Administrators trained by SREB: **2**

Number of schools: **1**

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## High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference

*Annual conference for thousands of school leaders, teachers and counselors from middle grades, high schools and technology centers across the country. The July 2015 conference will be held in Atlanta July 15-18.*

Louisiana attendees at the July 2014 conference: **50**

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## College- and Career-Readiness Networking Conference

*Conference on the proven strategies of the Literacy and Mathematics Design Collaborative frameworks. More than 1,200 teachers and leaders attend to collaborate and share effective instructional strategies. The 2015 conference will be held in Atlanta July 13-15.*

Louisiana attendees at the July 2014 conference: **79**

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## National Professional Development Workshops

*Intensive two- to three-day workshops that address current priorities for school improvement. Attendees leave with a plan of action for their schools. During the 2014-15 school year, SREB offered the Aligning High Schools and Middle Grades With Emerging Priorities for College and Career Readiness workshop and the National Technology Centers That Work Leaders' Forum.*

Louisiana teachers, counselors and leaders who participated: **6**

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## Principals

### Learning-Centered Leadership Program

*Works with district, state and university partners to prepare aspiring principals and school leadership teams to lead school reform to ensure that students are ready for college and careers. This program offers training, guidance and technical assistance.*

In August, SREB provided two-days of leadership training to **60 teacher leaders** in **Washington Parish** on "Assessing Academic Rigor in School and Classroom Practices."

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## Counselors

### College and Career Counseling Initiative

*Training to improve the effectiveness of teachers, counselors and college access program staff to prepare students from low-income families for postsecondary education. A 2014 survey of more than 500 enrollees found that 92 percent are changing their practice as a result of the training; 93 percent are implementing action plans developed in the program; and 95 percent would recommend the training to colleagues.*



Louisiana is one of 14 participating states.

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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, they are being field tested in several states and are available at no cost.*

**Louisiana** piloted the courses in the 2013-14 school year and is encouraging additional schools to field test.

#### *Ready for high school*

*SREB is now working with states to develop courses for the transition from middle grades to high school. The courses will be available for underprepared eighth- and ninth-grade students starting in 2016-17.*

Middle school and high school teachers from Kentucky are participating in the development of the new courses.

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### Advanced Career

*A new approach to career and technical education that combines college-readiness academic content with a sequence of four courses designed around hands-on, project-based assignments. The aim is to prepare more students for as many career options as possible in emerging high-demand, high-wage fields such as health informatics, and energy and power.*

**Central High School** joined the Advanced Career network of schools and implemented the SREB AC health informatics curriculum in fall 2014. Central administered the end-of-course assessment for health informatics in spring 2015.

In fall 2015, two **Caddo Parish schools** are adding AC to their career and technical education programs. Huntington High School will implement global logistics and supply chain management and Southwood High School will implement AC health informatics. AC teachers will participate in the 2015 Summer Teacher Training Institutes for these pathways.

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## High Schools That Work

*Helps states transform public high schools into places where all students learn at high levels and complete at higher rates. Reforms create career pathway roadmaps for college and career readiness to meet regional and state workforce needs. HSTW serves more than 1,350 schools in 30 states. Schools receive services through membership in the HSTW state network or through contracts for intensive, customized support.*

### *HSTW State Network*

*Member states select schools to receive services. The fee for state membership in the consortium covers several services and visits.*

Thirteen Louisiana schools were active in the HSTW state network in 2014-15.

Ellyn McKinney, Deputy Director of Louisiana Department of Education Network 1, represented Louisiana on the HSTW Board.

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### *Contracts for Direct Support*

*Schools, districts and states contract with SREB for targeted school improvement services, such as on-site coaching, technical assistance and professional development.*

In Louisiana in 2014-15:

Schools contracted with SREB for direct services through HSTW: **8**

Days of on-site coaching to be delivered to schools: **54**

Days of on-site staff development to be delivered to schools: **36**

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### *HSTW Assessment*

*Subject tests, along with student and teacher surveys, to establish baseline data, track progress and identify areas for improvement.*

In Louisiana, **six high schools** participated in the 2014 HSTW Assessment.

### *Special Board Meeting*

SREB's High Schools That Work initiative held a special board meeting in March devoted to strengthening the HSTW instructional design to build college and career pathways that link high schools, workplace learning, and community and technical colleges. The goal is to increase the percentage of young people who earn a credible credential by age 25.

Louisiana participant in the March 2015 HSTW Board meeting:

Louisiana Department of Education: Ellyn McKinney, Louisiana Department of Education

## Making Middle Grades Work

*Engages state, district and school leaders in partnerships with teachers, students, parents and the community to raise student achievement in the middle grades. The network includes 663 schools in 20 states.*

In Louisiana in 2014-15:

Schools active in the MMGW network: **6**

Days of on-site coaching to be delivered to schools: **40**

Days of on-site staff development to be delivered to schools: **32**

Schools that participated in the 2014 MMGW Student and Teacher Surveys: **5**

SREB conducted one technical assistance visit to **Central Middle School**.

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## Technology Centers That Work

*Helps shared-time centers produce high-demand, high-wage graduates. SREB provides staff development, technical assistance, publications and assessment services. The network includes almost 200 sites in 18 states.*

In Louisiana, **one center** is an active member and participated in the 2014 HSTW Assessment.

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### 2014 Award-Winning Schools

*TCTW Platinum High Achievement Centers participated in the 2014 HSTW Assessment, were classified as high implementation sites, had at least 75 percent of students meet at least one readiness goal and one or more parts of the recommended curriculum, and had at least 45 percent of students experience an intensive emphasis on quality career and technical education studies. The following Louisiana center earned this award:*

**Caddo Career and Technology Center**, Caddo

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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 in the state and region, career pathway programs of study, work-based learning experiences, postsecondary education and training opportunities.*

SREB is working in **northwest Louisiana** to review and develop curriculum materials for a high school career-readiness course for juniors and an eighth-grade career exploratory course. Course documents have been developed with the help of approximately 150 counselors and teachers representing 11 parishes that received professional development. The research and development team, led by SREB, will continue to assess and tweak the curricula.

**Central High School** held its first annual Education and Career Exploration Expo in October 2014. Approximately 1,400 high school students interacted with 65 local business and industry partners.

Caddo and Bossier parish schools enlisted the help of SREB to research and develop college- and career-readiness transition curricula for an eighth-grade transition course and a junior-level career-readiness course. To date, **150 educators** have been trained in the new curricula.

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# Higher Education Programs and Services

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## Tuition savings, access to uncommon degrees

### Academic Common Market

*Provides in-state tuition access to degree programs not available in a student's home state. Approximately 2,500 new students participate each year in 1,900 programs at 150 institutions.*

Participating students, calendar year 2014: **60**

Louisiana ACM Representative:

Jeannine Kahn, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Affairs, Louisiana Board of Regents

A Louisiana representative attended the 2015 Academic Common Market annual meeting and webinar.

### Electronic Campus

*Partners with colleges and universities to give students access to almost 37,000 online courses and more than 3,400 online degree programs.*

Programs provided by Louisiana institutions as of April 2015: **130**

Louisiana EC Representative:

Lance Neal, Assistant Commissioner for Information Services and Data Management, Louisiana Board of Regents

A Louisiana representative attended the 2014 Electronic Campus annual meeting.

### Regional Contract Program

*Gives students the opportunity to earn a professional health degree from selected programs at public institutions at in-state tuition rates, or to pay reduced tuition at private institutions. More than 700 students participate each year. SREB is the fiscal agent for the contract program and handles administrative duties for the states without any additional fees to the state, participating institutions or students.*

Through the SREB Regional Contract Program, Louisiana residents can enroll in health programs in other SREB states in **optometry** to which they otherwise may not have access. For the 2014-15 academic year, **33 Louisiana residents** studied through this SREB program.

Other SREB states contract with **Louisiana State University** for student spaces in **dentistry** and **veterinary medicine**. For these contract services, Louisiana State University receives more than **\$1 million** from other states.

Louisiana RCP Representative:

Jeannine Kahn, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Affairs, Louisiana Board of Regents

## SREB Electronic Campus Regional Reciprocity Agreement

*Allows institutions to be authorized by their home state to eliminate the need for individual approvals in SREB states where they serve students online. SREB states opt in to SECRRRA. A new, nationwide system of reciprocity — **SARA, or the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement** — will open more high-quality online offerings for students and ease regulatory burdens on institutions.*

Louisiana participates in SECRRRA.

Louisiana is one of the first three SREB states approved as SARA members.

Louisiana SARA Representative:

Larry Tremblay, Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Academic Affairs, Louisiana Board of Regents

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## Comparative data

### SREB-State Data Exchange

*Collects, compiles and publishes data and descriptive statistics on postsecondary education. Data 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 in high school), tuition and fee levels and policies, and faculty salaries. Postsecondary agencies in each SREB state participate and appoint coordinators.*

Participating agency and its 2015-16 Data Exchange Coordinator:

Louisiana Board of Regents:

Kimberly K. Harvey, Associate Commissioner, Institutional Research and Performance Assessment Services

### 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 the economy, college enrollment, degrees awarded, tuition and fees, student financial aid and cost of attendance, faculty and administrators, as well as revenue and expenditures including state appropriations. Fact Book tables are updated regularly at [SREB.org/Data](http://SREB.org/Data).*

Louisiana leaders receive the annual **SREB-State Data Exchange Indicators Report** and the **SREB Fact Book on Higher Education**, as well as **Louisiana: Featured Facts from the SREB Fact Book on Higher Education**, **Fact Book Bulletins** and special reports.

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## Nursing education

### Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing

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

In Louisiana, **nine institutions** participate in the Council.

Representatives from each institution, with leadership positions on the Council:

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center: Demetrious Porche, Dean;

Nursing Council: Chair, Carnegie Award Committee

McNeese State University: Peggy Wolfe, Dean

Nicholls State University: Sue Westbrook, Dean

Northwestern State University: Dana C. Clawson, Dean

Our Lady of Holy Cross College: Patricia M. Pletcher, Dean

Our Lady of the Lake College: Phyllis Pederson, Interim Dean

Southeastern Louisiana University: Ann Carruth, Dean

University of Louisiana at Lafayette: Gail P. Poirrier, Dean

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## Minority Ph.D. scholars

### SREB-State Doctoral Scholars Program

*Supports minority students to help them earn their Ph.D.s and seek employment that helps colleges and universities diversify their faculties. The Doctoral Scholars Program hosts the annual Institute on Teaching and Mentoring, the nation's largest gathering of minority doctoral scholars — with more than 1,200 attendees.*

Scholars funded by Louisiana in 2014-15: **27**

2014 Institute attendees from Louisiana: **36**

Scholars Louisiana has supported since joining in 1996: **142**

Graduates since 1996: **53**

Graduates currently employed: **47**

Percent employed in education: **85**

*Louisiana-supported doctoral students have attended these institutions since 1996:*

Louisiana State University

Louisiana Tech University

Rice University

Tulane University

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

University of Louisiana at Monroe

University of New Orleans

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# Interstate Cooperatives

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## Educational Technology Cooperative

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

Louisiana member agencies and representatives for the membership year 2014-15:

Louisiana Board of Regents: Lance Neal, Assistant Commissioner for Information Services and Data Management

Louisiana sent attendees to the 2014 annual meeting, and Louisiana's ETC representatives helped determine SREB's **10 Critical Issues in Educational Technology**. Lance Neal serves on the ETC Executive Committee to guide the ETC in leveraging current and future technologies for the benefit of students, instructional staff and support staff across the K-20 continuum.

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## Technology Purchasing Savings

*Schools, universities and agencies in SREB states saved 3 percent to 18 percent on \$17 million in technology purchases during fiscal year 2014 through SREB's participation in MHECTech discount agreements. Organizations in each of the 16 SREB states participated.*

Louisiana technology purchases, FY 2014: **\$452,500**

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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. Go Alliance research, services and professional development focus on college access policy and communications strategies to motivate students to plan for and apply to college.*

Louisiana participates in Go Alliance.

Representative:

Sujuan Boutte, Louisiana Board of Regents

Go Alliance Director Alice Anne Bailey led a one-day professional development workshop for counselors and administrators at the **Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance** Summer Institute.



*“Membership in the SREB Go Alliance afforded our team the opportunity to share our state’s best practices with other participating state representatives while gaining valuable information to strengthen our activities and programs. Go Alliance staff has shown great commitment to its members by offering frequent webinars and in-house training in an effort to assist us with enhancing outreach to our key stakeholders.”*

— Sujuan Boutte, **Louisiana Board of Regents**

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## SREB Meetings Hosted in Louisiana

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*SREB Commission on College Affordability in the South*

*Legislators, state higher education leaders and university presidents*

New Orleans, December 2014

*SREB Legislative Advisory Council*

*Legislators and other policy makers*

New Orleans, December 2014

*The Southern Regional Education Board 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 make a difference.*