

# SREB

## The Southern Regional Education Board and Member States

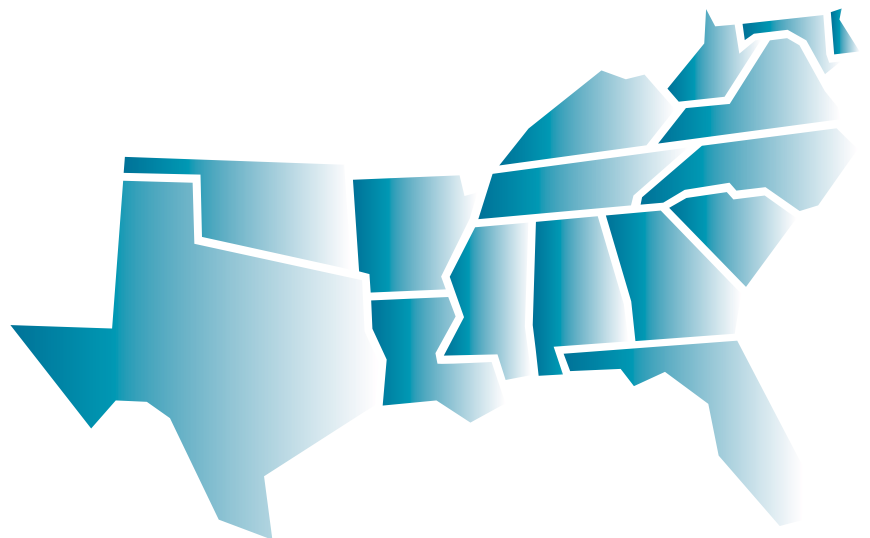
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*An overview of SREB programs and services and how  
each member state participates in them*

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**T**he Southern Regional Education Board works with states 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 governors and legislators who recognized the link between education and economic vitality.

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, college 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. This report provides an overview of how each of the 16 member states participates in SREB programs and services.

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# 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.

## College and career readiness

Intensive work to help member states implement these 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** for juniors who are assessed as not fully ready, and require them 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.

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

Tracks and reports progress on implementation of college- and career-readiness standards and related reforms across 15 states. Based on this research, SREB staff support these states through reports, meetings and technical assistance. During 2017, SREB published regional and state-specific reports on readiness in new state accountability plans and on alignment of instructional materials. The reports highlight strong state efforts and offer recommendations for moving forward.

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## Educator Effectiveness

Advises state and district leaders as they develop strategies to support the professional growth of teachers and principals. SREB serves as a technical advisor to state education agencies, conducts needs assessments and focus groups to help states plan and evaluate implementation, spotlights inspiring stories of local practice and convenes stakeholders at regional meetings.

During 2017 and 2018, educator effectiveness staff worked with legislators, state agency leaders and policy-makers in SREB states.

### *Technical Assistance*

During 2017-18, SREB partnered with the education agencies in these states to support implementation of their statewide educator effectiveness strategies.

Alabama	Maryland	North Carolina	South Carolina
Arkansas	Mississippi	Oklahoma	West Virginia

### *Focus Groups*

SREB staff conducted focus groups with teachers and administrators in these states between May 2017 and May 2018, collecting feedback to help state education agencies improve their systems.

Arkansas	Maryland	South Carolina
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### *Improving Educator Effectiveness: Lessons Learned*

Eight state teams attended the SREB teacher evaluation meeting, *Transforming Adult School Culture*, in November 2017. Teams included multiple stakeholders: state agency leaders, state teacher association representatives, district superintendents, principals and classroom teachers.

Arkansas	Kentucky	Mississippi	Oklahoma
Georgia	Maryland	North Carolina	South Carolina

### *Annual Educator Effectiveness Convening*

Thirteen state education departments sent representatives to the sixth annual SREB educator effectiveness convening in April 2018 to participate in working sessions with their peers.

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

### *Data and Publications*

SREB responded to information requests from a variety of stakeholders across the region during 2017-18. The customized briefings in response to these requests are published at [SREB.org/information-requests](http://SREB.org/information-requests).

School Is My Happy Place, a vignette released in March 2018, spotlights innovative strategies for positive school culture at a Florida elementary school.

An interactive online tool, refreshed for 2017-18, tracks bills across topic areas including teacher preparation, evaluation and professional learning.

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## Teacher Preparation Commission

Convenes state leaders to develop practical and effective statewide recommendations to improve teacher preparation programs. The Commission met during 2016, 2017 and 2018 to consider effective ways to better prepare teachers to help students reach higher academic standards and will publish its final report in late 2018.

### *Members of the Commission:*

**John Bel Edwards**, Governor of Louisiana, *Chair*

**Rita Allison**, State Representative, South Carolina

**Wayne D. Andrews**, former 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

**Peggy Brookins**, President and CEO, National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, Virginia

**Terry Burton**, State Senator, Mississippi

**Robert Caret**, Chancellor, University System of Maryland

**Terri Collins**, State Representative, Alabama

**Tom Dickson**, State Representative, Georgia

**Bill Ferguson**, State Senator, Maryland

**Erik Fresen**, former State Representative, Florida

**Brandon Gosey**, Member, Rutherford County School Board, North Carolina

**Mary Gunter**, Director, Center for Leadership and Learning, Arkansas Tech University

**Joy Hofmeister**, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Oklahoma

**R. Edward Houck**, former State Senator, Virginia

**Teresa Inman**, Media Specialist, Paris School District, Arkansas

**Roger Kane**, State Representative, Tennessee

**Eric Luedtke**, State Delegate, Maryland

**James Machell**, Dean, College of Education and Professional Studies, University of Central Oklahoma

**Jennifer McClellan**, State Delegate, Virginia

**Robert W. Rescigno**, Assistant Vice President, Academic Affairs, Wilmington University, Delaware

**Scott Ridley**, Dean, College of Education, Texas Tech University

**Benjamin Riley**, Founder and Executive Director, Deans for Impact

**Johnnie Roebuck**, former State Representative and retired educator, Arkansas

**Freddie Powell Sims**, State Senator, Georgia

**Molly Spearman**, State Superintendent of Education, South Carolina

**Francis Thompson**, State Senator, Louisiana

**Lindsey Tippins**, State Senator, Georgia

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## Career and technical education

### Kentucky Nursing Pathway

A nursing career pathway program developed with the Kentucky Department of Education and other leaders in the state. The joint associate to bachelor's model builds on recommendations of the SREB Community College Commission and Commission on Career and Technical Education. The 120-credit-hour program of study in nursing is delivered beginning in high school and continuing through community college to employment and a university to earn a bachelor's degree.

The model was piloted in Kentucky high schools in August 2017.

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### State Leaders Forum

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

*Attendees at the November 2017 Forum, by state:*

Alabama, 6	Georgia, 17	North Carolina, 2	Texas, 1
Arkansas, 5	Kentucky, 4	Oklahoma, 3	Virginia, 3
Delaware, 2	Louisiana, 4	South Carolina, 7	West Virginia, 3
Florida, 1	Mississippi, 5	Tennessee, 5	

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## Postsecondary education

### College Affordability

SREB is working to help states implement recommendations of the Commission on College Affordability in the South by consulting with state policymakers and publishing regional and state affordability profiles. SREB convened state higher education agency academic officers from these 12 SREB states in October 2017 to discuss college affordability factors.

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Georgia	Maryland	South Carolina	Virginia
Kentucky	Mississippi	Tennessee	West Virginia

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### Passport Project

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

*These SREB states are participating by reviewing learning outcomes for the Passport framework:*

Arkansas                      Kentucky                      Virginia

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### Custom Information and Services

Information, presentations and assistance on education issues as they arise. SREB staff connect policymakers and their staff with data and analysis on topics ranging from early learning to teacher evaluation to higher education governance.

SREB State Services staff visit states to meet with legislators and attend committee meetings. State Services also publishes reports on current education issues and actions, including SREB's *Legislative Report* and *Legislative Briefing*.

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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 teams to lead improvement in curriculum, instruction and student achievement. The program offers training, guidance, technical assistance and leadership modules. More than 4,000 educators across the SREB region have been trained on the modules.

*SREB states that participated in the 2018 Leadership Forum:*

Arkansas                      Georgia                      South Carolina                      Virginia  
Florida                      North Carolina                      Tennessee                      West Virginia

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### Literacy and Mathematics Professional Development

SREB is partnering with states on a large-scale effort to help districts and schools adopt, spread and sustain effective literacy and math teaching strategies to meet their state's college- and career-readiness standards.

The *Literacy Design Collaborative* framework empowers language arts, science and social studies teachers to build meaningful assignments aligned to their state's college- and career-readiness standards. Teachers take ownership of their professional growth, and students take ownership of their learning.

The *Mathematics Design Collaborative* teaching framework uses formative assessment lessons — part assessment, part instruction — to help teachers know whether their students understand material they have been taught. Teachers learn to adapt assignments and engage students so they understand the hows and whys of math.

*Number of schools and educators in SREB states that participated in SREB literacy and math training during the 2017-18 school year:*

<b>Alabama</b> Schools, 140 Teachers, principals and trainers, 1,286	<b>Mississippi</b> Schools, 93 Teachers, principals and trainers, 1,350
<b>Delaware</b> Schools, 5 Teachers, principals and trainers, 48	<b>North Carolina</b> Schools, 238 Teachers, principals and trainers, 3,218
<b>Florida</b> Schools, 6 Teachers, 38	<b>Oklahoma</b> Schools, 42 Teachers, principals and trainers, 382
<b>Georgia</b> Schools, 26 Teachers, principals and trainers, 383	<b>South Carolina</b> Schools, 90 Teachers, principals and trainers, 1,210
<b>Kentucky</b> Schools, 32 Teachers, principals and trainers, 207	<b>Texas</b> Schools, 16 Teachers, principals and trainers, 433
<b>Louisiana</b> Schools, 29 Teachers, principals and trainers, 335	<b>West Virginia</b> Schools, 47 Teachers, principals and trainers, 102

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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 2017 conference, by SREB state:*

Alabama, 209	Georgia, 227	Mississippi, 52	Tennessee, 109
Arkansas, 78	Kentucky, 51	North Carolina, 235	Texas, 22
Delaware, 13	Louisiana, 21	Oklahoma, 198	Virginia, 10
Florida, 2	Maryland, 2	South Carolina, 894	West Virginia, 263

In addition, hundreds of 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.

*Attendees by SREB state at the July 2017 conference:*

Alabama, 286	Georgia, 35	Mississippi, 49	Tennessee, 11
Arkansas, 3	Kentucky, 51	North Carolina, 69	Texas, 46
Delaware, 1	Louisiana, 85	Oklahoma, 198	Virginia, 1
Florida, 2	Maryland, 2	South Carolina, 147	West Virginia, 48

In addition, professionals from other states attended.

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## Teaching to Lead

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 2017-18 in SREB states:*

Mississippi, 95	Oklahoma, 19	Tennessee, 18	West Virginia, 56
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## Go Alliance Academy

SREB's Go Alliance Academy strives to increase the postsecondary education and career success of all students by providing timely and relevant professional development in college and career readiness to school counselors, teachers, principals, career coaches and college access advisors. Go Alliance Academy courses are also used by colleges of education to transform the ways future counselors and administrators are trained. Seventeen states and the District of Columbia are members.

*Participating states in the SREB region:*

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Georgia	North Carolina	

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# High School and Middle Grades Improvement

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## SREB Readiness Courses: Math Ready and Literacy Ready

Courses specifically designed to help underprepared students succeed in high school and postsecondary study. They have been implemented in over 1,000 high schools in 12 states.

### *Ready for Postsecondary Study*

Courses to teach young adults the reading, writing and math skills they must have to succeed in college. The classes are taught in an engaging way that leads students to learn and think independently, read for information and solve problems.

*Summer 2018 training is scheduled in these SREB states:*

Alabama	Georgia	Mississippi	Oklahoma	Texas
Arkansas	Kentucky	North Carolina	South Carolina	

### *Ready for High School*

New courses for the transition from middle grades to high school. Underprepared students will take the classes in eighth or ninth grade.

*These states piloted Ready for High School Literacy and Ready for High School Math in the 2017-18 school year:*

Alabama	Mississippi	South Carolina	West Virginia
Arkansas	North Carolina	Tennessee	
Kentucky	Oklahoma	Texas	

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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. State teams worked with SREB to develop four-course sequences of study in career areas important to their states.

*Number of schools in each SREB state implementing specific Advanced Career programs during the 2016-17 school year, with the number of teachers trained during 2017-18:*

### **Alabama**

Aerospace Engineering, 3 schools  
Energy and Power, 2 schools  
Health Informatics, 1 school  
Informatics, 1 school  
Teachers trained, 7

### **Arkansas**

Innovations in Science and Technology, 1 school  
Integrated Production Technologies, 1 school  
Teachers trained, 2

### **Delaware**

Aerospace Engineering, 1 school  
Teachers trained, 1

## Florida

Energy and Power, 1 school  
Teachers trained, 7

## Georgia

Clean Energy Technology, 1 school  
Energy and Power, 1 school  
Global Logistics and Supply Chain Management,  
3 schools  
Innovations in Science and Technology, 3 schools  
Integrated Production Technologies, 1 school  
Teachers trained, 7

## Kentucky

Energy and Power, 2 schools  
Informatics, 4 schools  
Teachers trained, 7

## Mississippi

Energy and Power, 1 school  
Health Informatics, 1 school  
Teachers trained, 2

## North Carolina

Aerospace Engineering, 2 schools  
Clean Energy Technology, 2 schools  
Health Informatics, 2 schools  
Teachers trained, 8

## Oklahoma

Innovations in Science and Technology, 1 school  
Integrated Production Technologies, 1 school  
Teachers trained, 2

## South Carolina

Aerospace Engineering, 6 schools  
Clean Energy Technology, 4 schools  
Global Logistics and Supply Chain Management,  
2 schools  
Integrated Production Technologies, 1 school  
Teachers trained, 14

## West Virginia

Aerospace Engineering, 1 school  
Clean Energy Technology, 1 school  
Energy and Power, 11 schools  
Global Logistics and Supply Chain Management,  
1 school  
Informatics, 1 school  
Innovations in Science and Technology, 3 schools  
Integrated Production Technologies, 3 schools  
Teachers trained, 17

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## Project-Based Learning in Career Pathway Courses

Training model for teachers in high-skill career and technical education programs and career pathway academic courses. Academic and CTE teachers improve assignments and assessments by working with business and industry partners to develop projects that require students to apply college- and career-readiness technical and academic standards.

*Number of participating schools, districts or agencies in SREB states and the number of teachers and administrators who participated in training and coaching during 2017-18:*

### Alabama

Schools, districts and agencies: 39  
Teachers and administrators: 82

### Georgia

Schools, districts and agencies: 1  
Teachers and administrators: 13

### Kentucky

Schools, districts and agencies: 110  
Teachers and administrators: 10

### North Carolina

Schools, districts and agencies: 114  
Teachers and administrators: 17

### South Carolina

Schools, districts and agencies: 6  
Teachers and administrators: 9

### Tennessee

Schools, districts and agencies: 30  
Teachers and administrators: 116

## Texas

Schools, districts and agencies: 7

Teachers and administrators: 32

## West Virginia

Schools, districts and agencies: 22

Teachers and administrators: 78

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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 1,150 schools in 30 states use the framework and its six design features and nine key practices to raise student achievement and graduation rates.

### *HSTW State Network*

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

*SREB states participating in the HSTW network during 2017-18:*

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

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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 over 650 schools in 20 states.

*SREB states that participated in MMGW during 2017-18:*

Alabama	Kentucky	South Carolina	Virginia
Arkansas	Louisiana	Tennessee	
Georgia	Mississippi	Texas	

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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.

Active centers in SREB states in 2017-18:

Alabama, 20	Kentucky, 53	Oklahoma, 16	West Virginia, 22
Arkansas, 9	Louisiana, 2	Virginia, 1	

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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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Georgia	North Carolina	Virginia	

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# Higher Education

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## Academic Common Market

A tuition-savings program for college students in SREB member states who want to pursue degrees that are not offered by in-state institutions. Students can enroll in out-of-state institutions that offer their degree program and pay the in-state tuition rates. During calendar year 2017, 2,130 degree programs were available, 152 institutions participated and 3,355 new students were certified for study.

*Number of students who participated during 2017, average savings per student and total tuition savings for participating states:*

### Alabama

121 students  
\$12,763 average savings per student  
\$1,582,597 tuition savings in Alabama

### Arkansas

74 students  
\$14,520 average savings per student  
\$1,059,953 tuition savings in Arkansas

### Delaware

116 students participated  
\$15,389 average savings per student  
\$1,785,135 tuition savings in Delaware

### Florida\*

24 students participated  
\$11,852 average savings per student  
\$260,740 tuition savings in Florida

### Georgia

1,167 students participated  
\$16,623 average savings per student  
\$19,182,377 tuition savings in Georgia

### Kentucky

198 students participated  
\$16,367 average savings per student  
\$3,224,207 tuition savings in Kentucky

**Louisiana**

81 students participated  
 \$12,623 average savings per student  
 \$1,035,069 tuition savings in Louisiana

**Maryland**

558 students participated  
 \$16,224 average savings per student  
 \$9,020,644 tuition savings in Maryland

**Mississippi**

64 students participated  
 \$13,621 average savings per student  
 \$871,720 tuition savings in Mississippi

**South Carolina**

121 students participated  
 \$8,910 average savings per student  
 \$1,087,018 tuition savings in South Carolina

**Tennessee**

132 students participated  
 \$13,609 average savings per student  
 \$1,905,230 tuition savings in Tennessee

**Texas\***

34 students participated  
 \$10,769 average savings per student  
 \$366,138 tuition savings in Texas

**Virginia**

511 students participated  
 \$16,476 average savings per student  
 \$8,419,259 tuition savings in Texas

**West Virginia**

63 students participated  
 \$14,606 average savings per student  
 \$978,585 tuition savings in West Virginia

*\* Florida and Texas participate at the graduate level only.*

*North Carolina does not participate in the Academic Common Market.*

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## Regional Contract Program

Gives students the opportunity to earn a professional health degree from participating institutions in other states through in-state tuition rates at public institutions or reduced tuition at private institutions. More than 600 students participate each year.

*SREB states with institutions that provide programs for RCP, with the number of students from other states who enrolled in them in 2017-18:*

Alabama, 213	Kentucky, 1	Oklahoma, 10
Florida, 1	Louisiana, 49	Tennessee, 202
Georgia, 75	Mississippi, 20	Texas, 10

*SREB states with participating students and the number of students who participated in 2016:*

Arkansas, 174	Kentucky, 189	South Carolina, 115
Delaware, 8	Louisiana, 35	
Georgia, 34	Mississippi, 32	

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## State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement

A nationwide system of reciprocity available to SREB states, SARA opens more high-quality distance education offerings for students and eases the regulatory burden on institutions.

*As of May 2018, all 16 states are approved members of SARA:*

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

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## SREB State Data Exchange

Collects, compiles and publishes data and descriptive statistics on postsecondary education. Data are updated annually on a wide range of topics: degree and certificate completion, student persistence and progression, time- and credits-to-degree state appropriations, student credit hours (including those taken in high school), tuition and fees, and faculty salaries. Agencies in each SREB state appoint coordinators.

*All 16 SREB states — and 22 postsecondary agencies in them — participate.*

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## 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, faculty and administrators, and revenue and expenditures, including state appropriations. *Fact Book* tables are updated regularly at SREB.org.

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## 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.

*Participating SREB states and their number of member institutions as of April 2018:*

Alabama, 11	Georgia, 13	Mississippi, 9	Texas, 5
Arkansas, 6	Kentucky, 2	North Carolina, 6	Virginia, 6
Delaware, 1	Louisiana, 5	South Carolina, 5	West Virginia, 1
Florida, 8	Maryland, 2	Tennessee, 6	

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## 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.

*SREB states and their participation as of April 2018:*

### **Alabama**

Scholars supported since joining, 181  
Number of graduates since joining, 132  
2017-18 scholars funded, 28  
2017 Institute attendees, 38

### **Arkansas**

Scholars supported since joining, 103  
Number of graduates since joining, 65  
2017-18 scholars funded, 25  
2017 Institute attendees, 16

### **Delaware**

Scholars supported since joining, 2  
Number of graduates since joining, 1  
2017-18 scholars funded, 0  
2017 Institute attendees, 1

### **Florida**

Scholars supported since joining, 19  
Number of graduates since joining, 4  
2017-18 scholars funded, 15  
2017 Institute attendees, 84

### **Georgia**

Scholars supported since joining, 177  
Number of graduates since joining, 108  
2017-18 scholars funded, 59  
2017 Institute attendees, 73

### **Kentucky**

Scholars supported since joining, 129  
Number of graduates since joining, 88  
2017-18 scholars funded, 24  
2017 Institute attendees, 24

### **Louisiana**

Scholars supported since joining, 170  
Number of graduates since joining, 63  
2017-18 scholars funded, 73  
2017 Institute attendees, 27

### **Maryland**

Scholars supported since joining, 45  
Number of graduates since joining, 31  
2017-18 scholars funded, 9  
2017 Institute attendees, 22

### **Mississippi**

Scholars supported since joining, 69  
Number of graduates since joining, 51  
2017-18 scholars funded, 10  
2017 Institute attendees, 8

### **North Carolina**

Scholars supported since joining, 14  
Number of graduates since joining, 3  
2017-18 scholars funded, 9  
2017 Institute attendees, 29

### **Oklahoma**

Scholars supported since joining, 32  
Number of graduates since joining, 20  
2017-18 scholars funded, 9  
2017 Institute attendees, 13

### **South Carolina**

Scholars supported since joining, 127  
Number of graduates since joining, 85  
2017-18 scholars funded, 33  
2017 Institute attendees, 39

### **Tennessee**

Scholars supported since joining, 111  
Number of graduates since joining, 82  
2017-18 scholars funded, 19  
2017 Institute attendees, 22

### **Texas**

Scholars supported since joining, 10  
Number of graduates since joining, 6  
2017-18 scholars funded, 0  
2017 Institute attendees, 38



## Virginia

Scholars supported since joining, 133  
Number of graduates since joining, 76  
2017-18 scholars funded, 41  
2017 Institute attendees, 40

## West Virginia

Scholars supported since joining, 70  
Number of graduates since joining, 29  
2017-18 scholars funded, 25  
2017 Institute attendees, 22

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# Interstate Cooperatives

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## Go Alliance

A consortium of states working together to increase the number of students who complete a postsecondary credential. Go Alliance research and services focus on:

- improving college access policies;
- increasing the quality and availability of programs that support students as they prepare for and apply to postsecondary education; and
- enhancing communications strategies that inform students about how to plan and apply for higher education — and motivate them to do so.

Go Alliance helps states replicate programs that have proven effective in other states. It also connects college access professionals across states so they can share best practices and discuss issues relevant to their work.

*SREB states that participate in Go Alliance:*

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## Technology Purchasing Savings

Schools, universities and agencies in SREB states saved \$3.3 million on \$33 million in technology purchases during fiscal year 2017 — double the FY2016 savings — through SREB's participation in MHECtech discount agreements. Organizations in each of the 16 SREB states participated.

*MHECtech savings on purchases by state, fiscal year 2017:*

**Alabama saved \$104,927** on \$1,060,659 in purchases.

**Arkansas saved \$13,656** on \$75,537 in purchases.

**Delaware saved \$24,922** on \$251,992 in purchases.

**Florida saved \$135,579** on \$1,366,874 in purchases.

**Georgia saved \$299,282** on \$3,025,501 in purchases.

**Kentucky saved \$96,452** on \$975,239 in purchases.

**Louisiana saved \$461,840** on \$4,669,542 in purchases.  
**Maryland saved \$339,531** on \$3,301,817 in purchases.  
**Mississippi saved \$131,463** on \$1,329,238 in purchases.  
**North Carolina saved \$444,780** on \$4,439,021 in purchases.  
**Oklahoma saved \$284,506** on \$2,868,937 in purchases.  
**South Carolina saved \$87,682** on \$886,566 in purchases.  
**Tennessee saved \$684,734** on \$6,923,417 in purchases.  
**Texas saved \$36,151** on \$360,978 in purchases.  
**Virginia saved \$85,130** on \$860,759 in purchases.  
**West Virginia saved \$99,444** on \$998,469 in purchases.

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### **Educational Technology Cooperative**

Membership group of state K-12 and higher education coordinating and governing boards that represent 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, helps states understand technology issues, and forms an action agenda for effectively using technology in education.

*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

#### **Kentucky**

Kentucky Department of Education  
Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education

#### **Louisiana**

Louisiana Department of Education  
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  
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#### **Oklahoma**

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

#### **Tennessee**

Tennessee Board of Regents

#### **West Virginia**

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# Education Data and Analysis at SREB.org

SREB publishes data to help policymakers base decisions on the most relevant education information. From demographics to dyslexia, we chart the the numbers and benchmark detailed policies and practices to help you understand what’s working to improve education across the region. And SREB analysts can provide custom data and analysis at the request of policymakers and staff in member states.

## By State

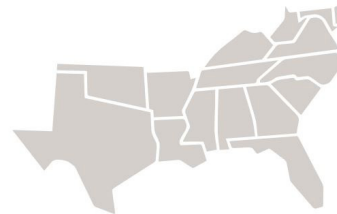
Check under your state for reports and data such as:

### State Progress Reports

Each state’s progress toward education goals, with key student outcomes and policies from pre-K through postsecondary

### Higher Education Facts

State-specific data on population, demographics, education attainment, postsecondary enrollment, graduation rates, workforce, tuition, debt, funding, faculty salaries and more



SREB Member States

## By Topic

SREB.org aggregates data, services and news by education issue so you can quickly find what you need on a topic. A few examples:

### Accountability

Key elements of state accountability systems with a focus on college and career readiness

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The policies, programs and prices that drive college affordability: net price, state financial aid, student borrowing, and more

### High School Graduation and Postsecondary Readiness

Diploma requirements, postsecondary admission and placement, state financial aid and more, by state and policy area

### TOPICS

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*Looking Closer*

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*More than the Numbers: Teacher Preparation Data Systems*

*Tenets of State Accountability for Increased College and Career Readiness*

*Valuing Both Cs in College- and Career-Readiness Accountability Systems*

*Accountability for School Improvement and College and Career Readiness*

State profiles

*College Affordability Profile 2017*

State profiles

*Public Higher Education Affordability in the South: Regional Profile 2017*

*College Affordability: Promising State Policies and Practices*

*2017 SREB Fact Book on Higher Education*

*10 Critical Issues in Educational Technology*

*Emerging Technologies and New Learning Models That Engage Students*

*Expanding Accessibility to Digital Spaces Through Improved Policy and Practice*

*Beginning the Bachelor of Science in Nursing in High School: How Kentucky Created a 120-Credit Hour Nursing Career Pathway*

*Dyslexia Policies in SREB States: Addressing the Needs of Struggling Young Readers*

*Ready to Read, Ready to Succeed: State Policies that Support Fourth Grade Reading*

*Evaluator Training: A Guide for States*

*Mentoring New Teachers: A Fresh Look*

*Feedback on Teaching: A Fresh Look*

*Student Surveys: A Fresh Look*

*Alignment of Instructional Materials: Trends in State Efforts*

*Alignment of Instructional Materials: State Profiles*

*Making Math Matter: High-Quality Assignments That Help Students Solve Problems and Own Their Learning*

*Engaging Students in Deeper Learning Through Powerful Literacy and Mathematics Assignments*

*Pre-K Benefits: 2018 Update Research Snapshot*

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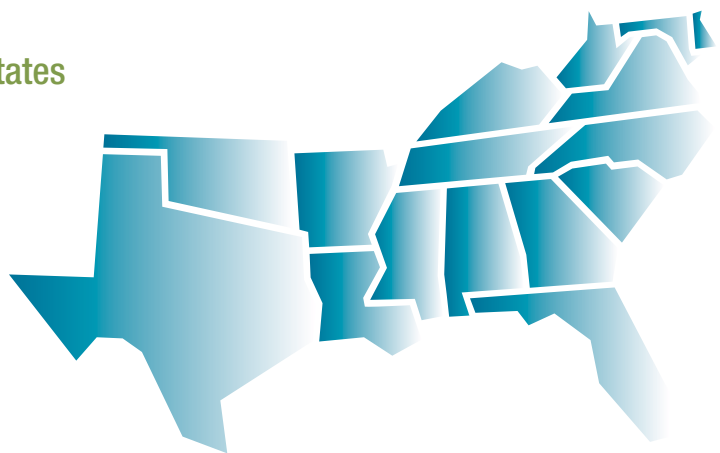
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