THE IMPORTANCE OF COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

Educators and policymakers across the country are focused on ensuring that students graduate from high school prepared to succeed in college or careers. Yet most states are far from achieving this goal. Kentucky’s Senate Bill 1 (2009) seeks to increase the percentage of students who are college and career ready from the 2009 rate of 34 percent to 67 percent by 2015.

REL Appalachia established the Kentucky College and Career Readiness Alliance to build the capacity of Kentucky’s schools and educators to meet the state’s college and career readiness goals.

GOALS OF THE ALLIANCE

The goals of the alliance are to:

- Help alliance members understand and increase student engagement in schools.
- Disseminate and conduct research to promote evidenced-based strategies for student college and career readiness.

RESEARCH AND ANALYTIC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The KyCCRA collaborated with REL Appalachia to hold two events in 2014:

- A webinar reviewing the research on student engagement and surveys for measuring it.
- A bridge event reviewing interventions to aid struggling students across different grade levels.

In addition, REL Appalachia is working with alliance members to:

- Organize a professional development workshop on the selection, administration, and interpretation of student engagement surveys.
- Catalog existing data on Kentucky’s dual enrollment/dual credit programs.
- Use extant data to summarize enrollment and completion of dual enrollment/dual credit programs across Kentucky.
- Explore the implementation of dual enrollment/dual credit programs in six case study districts.

ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP

Alliance members include the Kentucky Department of Education, the Council on Postsecondary Education, and educators in seven regional educational cooperatives: Central Kentucky, Green River Regional, Kentucky Valley, Ohio Valley, Southeast/South-Central, West Kentucky, and the Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services.

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