

REL Corner: College and Career Readiness

[Find more about REL Appalachia and its work](#), and dive into these resources on college and career readiness.

- [College and Career Readiness and Success](#). This infographic unpacks why college and career readiness and success are important and how the RELs can support efforts to address dropout prevention and increasing graduation rates.
- [Dual Enrollment Courses in Kentucky: High School Students' Participation and Completion Rates](#). This descriptive study explores participation in and completion of dual enrollment courses for Kentucky students in grades 11 and 12 from 2009/10 through 2012/13.
- [What strategies have state policymakers and other state agency staff implemented to improve college access and success?](#) This Ask A REL response shares research reports and descriptive study articles on the strategies state policymakers have implemented to improve college access and success.
- [Understanding the Role of Noncognitive Skills and School Environments in Students' Transitions to High School](#). This study examines grade 9 students' perceptions of their noncognitive skills and high school environments and how those perceptions relate to students' academic success in grade 9.
- [Soft Skills, Workplace Skills, 21st Century Skills, Noncognitive Skills, and More: Hear That Jangle?](#) This blog discusses the role soft skills—being on time, focused on the task, contributing to the team, communicating well, taking advice, and improving—play in determining whether a new hire succeeds and advances in the workforce.
- [Is High School Grade Point Average a Consistent Predictor of College Readiness?](#) This study examines the postsecondary readiness of first-time students who enrolled in the University of Alaska system over a four-year period. The researchers calculated the proportion of students considered academically underprepared for college and how placement rates for developmental education (that is, non-credit-bearing courses) varied for different groups of students.
- [A Guide to Developing and Evaluating a College Readiness Screener](#). This guide describes core ideas for colleges to consider when developing a screening tool for estimating college readiness. A key focal point in the guide is a discussion of ways to improve the effectiveness of a screening tool in identifying individuals needing remedial or developmental education, along with key considerations that a user or developer of such a tool must address.
- [Sharing Data to Examine CTE Course-Taking to Better Prepare Students for the Workforce](#). This blog discusses the efforts of REL Central and its state education agency partners to share data between agencies in their states as they determine the relationships between career and technical education course-taking and student outcomes.
- [REL Program College and Career Readiness Resources](#). This REL Program-developed collection of resources includes publications, works in progress, videos, and archived webinars on college and career readiness.