**Kentucky College and Career Readiness Alliance Projects: 2014 and 2015**

**Status Report: 2014 Projects**

| **Topic** | **Event** | **Description** | **Status** |
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| Senior year transition courses | Applied research | REL Appalachia report *Participation and pass rates for college preparatory transition courses in Kentucky* analyzed and reported data on enrollment of Kentucky high school seniors in transition courses for math and reading in 2011/12. | Completed. See http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/edlabs/projects/project.asp?ProjectID=315. |
| CCR Interventions | In-Person Bridge Event | One-day workshop shared current data on Kentucky students off-track to reach CCR benchmarks and featuring presentations on effective CCR interventions by Kentucky educators. | Completed March 2014. |
| Student engagement | Webinar | Provided overview of the student engagement construct and ways to measure student engagement. | Completed March 2014. See http://www.relappalachia.org/events/webinars. |
| Workshop | Presented research-based information on student engagement, student engagement survey instruments, and selecting a survey to administer | Completed September 2014. |
| Technical assistance | REL Appalachia is supporting interested schools in administering, analyzing, and interpreting results of student engagement surveys. | Project underway Fall 2014. |
| Teacher effectiveness: Student voice | Webinar | Webinar on research supporting the use of student voice surveys as a teacher effectiveness measure, background on PGES student voice survey, and lessons learned from practitioners in PGES field test. | Completed September 2014. See http://www.relappalachia.org/events/webinars. |
| Increased learning time | Webinar | Webinar on meeting students’ needs through increased learning time | Completed September 2014. See http://www.relappalachia.org/events/webinars. |
| Effective mathematics instruction | Webinar | Webinar on improving mathematical problem-solving in grades 4 through 8. | Completed September 2014. See http://www.relappalachia.org/events/webinars |
| Dual enrollment/ dual credit courses | Technical assistance | Data catalogue of sources of information on dual enrollment/dual credit courses in Kentucky. | Draft report under review by IES. |
| Applied research | Statewide study of student participation in and completion of DE/DC courses. | Data collection underway Fall 2014. |
| Applied research | Profiles of DE/DC programs in six non-urban Kentucky school districts. | Data collection underway Fall 2014. |

**Proposed Projects 2015\***

| **Topic** | **Event** | **Description** |
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| Dual enrollment/ dual credit courses | Applied research | Two studies of student dual enrollment/dual credit implementation will continue in 2015. | |
| Senior year transition courses | Applied research | This project will complement and update the REL Appalachia report *Participation and pass rates for college preparatory transition courses in Kentucky* by updating data on enrollment in transition courses for math, reading, and writing, including examining enrollment changes between 2011/12 and 2013/14. |
| CCR Interventions data | Technical assistance | KDE has developed a new data collection tool within the statewide student information system used by all schools. This new tool—the Intervention Tab—is intended to collect data about specific interventions that individual students receive to promote college and career readiness. This project will support KDE in developing an implementation evaluation to examine the quality and potential uses of the data entered into the system. |
| PGES Data Use | Technical assistance | Dr. Jeffrey Wayman will provide technical assistance in developing and implementing 2014/15 activities to build principals’ capacity to use PGES data in decision-making cycles. This event series will include three workshops on data use for principals and other appropriate stakeholders (e.g., district administrators, school leadership teams), as well as TA consultations for coops with Dr. Wayman. |
| Career readiness | In-Person Bridge Event | This one-day workshop will focus on career readiness. Specific topic(s) TBD. |
| English Language Learners (ELLs) | In-Person Bridge Event | This day-long workshop would be framed around the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) What Works Clearinghouse Practice Guide: *Teaching Academic Content and Literacy to English Learners in Elementary and Middle School* (Baker et al, 2014). |
| Cross Alliance Updates | Webinar Series | REL Appalachia will host a series of six webinars during 2015, with one of REL Appalachia’s alliances being the focus of each webinar. These webinars would provide alliance members with a forum to keep updated on progress and activities, as well as provide an opportunity for alliances to discuss areas of overlap among projects/interests, and share strategies for managing common challenges. |

\*Pending approval by the Institute of Education Sciences (IES)