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Reports from the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB)

State Virtual Schools — Successes and Growing Pains

This summary report is based on information gathered from each SREB state virtual school and reported in the SREB State Virtual Schools 2007 Report. This report provides an overview of the status of SREB states' use of Web-based courses to meet student academic needs. It also provides comparative data on topics including enrollment, course types, online teachers and funding. 8 pages; October 2007; free and available from: http://www.sreb.org/programs/EdTech/pubs/2007pubs/07T06_Summary_Report_state_virtual.pdf

Five Academic Reasons: Why State Virtual Schools are Important to Your State

This document looks at the academic reasons why states should take seriously the use of Web-based courses provided by state virtual schools to improve student access to quality teachers and quality courses. 3 pages; October 2007; free and available from: http://www.sreb.org/programs/EdTech/pubs/2007pubs/07T07_Five_acad_reas.pdf

Top 10 Ways to Improve Science Achievement: Actions for School Principals, Assistant Principals, Department Chairs and School Improvement Consultants

High Schools That Work Assessment data show the need to improve science education in both the middle grades and high school. Science education increases students' critical thinking and problem-solving skills. This publication is designed to help principals, other school leaders and teachers identify rigorous instruction and successfully engage students in science. 6 pages; August 2007; free and available from: <http://www.sreb.org/programs/hstw/publications/2007pubs/07V26ImproveScience.asp>

Building Transitions from High School to College and Careers For Alabama's Youth

This report is based on the Alabama Education Forum held August 1, 2006. Sponsored by the League for Innovation in the Community College and the Southern Regional Education Board, and supported by the U.S. Department of Education, the forum focused on the goals of the College and Career Transitions Initiative. The report details the outcome of the forum and suggests actions Alabama can take to improve students' transitions from high school to postsecondary studies and careers. 28 pages; June 2007; free and available from: <http://www.sreb.org/programs/hstw/publications/2007pubs/07V16TransitionsAlabama.asp>

Building Transitions from High School to College and Careers For Montana's Youth

This report is based on the Montana Education Forum held August 30, 2006. Sponsored by the League for Innovation in the Community College and the Southern Regional Education Board, and supported by the U.S. Department of Education, the forum focused on the goals of the College and Career Transitions Initiative. The report details the outcome of the forum and suggests actions Montana can take to improve students' transitions from high school to postsecondary studies and careers. 24 pages; June 2007; free and available from: <http://www.sreb.org/programs/hstw/publications/2007pubs/07V18TransitionsMontana.asp>

Building Transitions from High School to College and Careers For New Mexico's Youth

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Building Transitions from High School to College and Careers For Georgia's Youth

This report is based on the Georgia Education Forum held May 8, 2006. Sponsored by the League for Innovation in the Community College and the Southern Regional Education Board, and supported by the U.S. Department of Education, the forum focused on the goals of the College and Career Transitions Initiative. The report details the outcome of the forum and suggests actions Georgia can take to improve students' transitions from high school to postsecondary studies and careers. 28 pages; May 2007; free and available from: <http://www.sreb.org/programs/hstw/publications/2007pubs/07V14TransitionsGeorgia.asp>

Building Transitions from High School to College and Careers For Hawaii's Youth

This report is based on the Hawaii Education Forum held August 10, 2006. Sponsored by the League for Innovation in the Community College and the Southern Regional Education Board, and supported by the U.S. Department of Education, the forum focused on the goals of the College and Career Transitions Initiative. The report details the outcome of the forum and suggests actions Hawaii can take to improve students' transitions from high school to postsecondary studies and careers. 28 pages; May 2007; free and available from: <http://www.sreb.org/programs/hstw/publications/2007pubs/07V13TransitionsHawaii.asp>

Building Transitions from High School to College and Careers For Texas' Youth

This report is based on the Texas Education Forum held September 13, 2006. Sponsored by the League for Innovation in the Community College and the Southern Regional Education Board, and supported by the U.S. Department of Education, the forum focused on the goals of the College and Career Transitions Initiative. The report details the outcome of the forum and suggests actions Texas can take to improve students' transitions from high school to postsecondary studies and careers. 28 pages; May 2007; free and available from: <http://www.sreb.org/programs/hstw/publications/2007pubs/07V12TransitionsTexas.asp>

Building Transitions from High School to College and Careers For Nebraska's Youth

This report is based on the Nebraska Education Forum held August 31, 2005. Sponsored by the League for Innovation in the Community College and the Southern Regional Education Board, and supported by the U.S. Department of Education, the forum focused on the goals of the College and Career Transitions Initiative. The report details the outcome of the forum and suggests actions Nebraska can take to improve students' transitions from high school to postsecondary studies and careers. 24 pages; March 2007; free and available from: <http://www.sreb.org/programs/hstw/publications/2007pubs/07V06Nebraska.asp>

Building Transitions from High School to College and Careers For Oklahoma's Youth

This report is based on the Oklahoma Education Forum held February 17, 2006. Sponsored by the League for Innovation in the Community College and the Southern Regional Education Board, and supported by the U.S. Department of Education, the forum focused on the goals of the College and Career Transitions Initiative. The report details the outcome of the forum and suggests actions Oklahoma can take to improve students' transitions from high school to postsecondary studies and careers. 24 pages; September 2006; free and available from: <http://www.sreb.org/programs/hstw/publications/2006pubs/06V51OklahomaTransitions.asp>

Building Transitions from High School to College and Careers for North Carolina's Youth

This report is based on the North Carolina Education Forum held July 6, 2005. Sponsored by the League for Innovation in the Community College and the Southern Regional Education Board, and supported by the U.S. Department of Education, the forum focused on the goals of the College and Career Transitions Initiative. The report details the outcome of the forum and suggests actions North Carolina can take to improve students' transitions from high school to postsecondary studies and careers. 24 pages; June 2006; free and available from: <http://www.sreb.org/programs/hstw/publications/2006pubs/06V22NorthCarolina.asp>