



The USC EdPolicy Hub is collaborating with Southern California schools, education systems, and community colleges to co-design and conduct relevant research that will help partners navigate challenges and improve outcomes and equity for students across the region. Research projects are built upon input from schools, families, education systems, community-based organizations, and civic leaders, with the intent of delivering practical, actionable solutions to these same stakeholders. While the results of our work will be widely relevant outside of Southern California, our local partners determine our focus.

The Hub works on projects that intentionally cross both geographic and system boundaries. For instance, we are creating a network of districts focused on using data and research to improve college access. Participants will be able to share learnings and strategies across geographies. In terms of system boundaries, we are measuring the supply of and demand for expanded learning opportunities in LA county communities – documenting supply and demand across school systems, community-based organizations, and parents/caregivers to better understand gaps in offerings and improve access.

Researchers at the USC EdPolicy Hub have expertise in a broad range of topics (e.g., curriculum, civics education, data use for decision making, school finance, college access, tutoring, parent/caretaker experiences with children’s education) and methods (e.g., causal and mixed method evaluations, public opinion polling, financial analysis, integrative cross-system analysis). From its USC Rossier base, the Hub is also able to bring in expertise from both across the university (e.g., the USC Price School of Public Policy, the Center for Applied Research in Education) and outside USC, ensuring we can match the appropriate knowledge and methods to the problems at hand.

The Hub is based at the USC Rossier School of Education as part of Dean Pedro Noguera’s Educational Equity Initiative. USC Rossier has an unparalleled network of graduates across Southern California working as leaders in schools, districts, and other types of education systems.

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