

Empowerment Collaborative: Increasing Student Empowerment in Appalachian Communities

PROJECT SNAPSHOT



GRANTEE

Mountain State Educational Services Cooperative



STATES IMPACTED

West Virginia, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania



ARC FUNDING

\$416,959



PARTNERS

West Virginia Department of Education, Kentucky Department of Education, Pennsylvania Department of Education, Southern Regional Education Board National Center for Improvement of Educational Assessment, Marshall University, West Virginia University, EdVenture Group, and Education Alliance



ANNOUNCEMENT DATE

July 2023

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PROJECT SUMMARY

This project will empower and prepare middle-school students in West Virginia, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania to solve real-world problems in their communities through simulation and engagement. Mountain States' Empowerment Collaborative, currently serves five school districts in West Virginia and has seen success empowering middle schoolers to work in student-driven teams and practice five essential workplace skills: collaboration, communication, knowledge, mindset, and critical thinking. Using ARC ARISE grant funding, Mountain State and its partners will create a plan that will bring the Empowerment Collaborative model to new middle schools across the Appalachian region.

Mountain State and partners bring a total of \$253,514 in matching funds to this project. The project will create one plan over the course of 12 months.