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Founded in 1983, Augenblick, Palaich and Associates, Inc (APA) is a privately owned company with extensive experience analyzing public education systems and policies. Our mission is to help clients solve problems so they can meet student performance goals and improve the quality, effectiveness, and efficiency of our nation's public schools. We also help our clients understand the fiscal, legal, and policy implications of implementing education reforms, including both short and long-term impacts. Our staff accomplish this mission using a variety of research techniques, including education data analysis, literature reviews, interviews, surveys, panel or focus group discussions, and statistical analyses.

Just a few examples of the types of education issues we address include: the resources and funding schools need to reach student performance expectations; the costs of implementing the No Child Left Behind Act; the types of education practices that our nation's most successful schools use to raise at-risk student achievement; understanding the impacts of school choice; developing innovative ways to compensate teachers and to attract and retain teachers in hard to staff schools; and analyzing the efficiency of district and school resource use.

For a more complete listing of issues we address, please see our services page. You can also click here for a brief summary of the types of expertise and services APA provides.

News

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Since 2009, APA has worked with education leaders in Colorado, New Mexico, Nebraska, Nevada, and Texas to revitalize the SW-TURN region of the Teacher Union Reform Network (TURN). TURN is a nationwide network of more than 50 American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and National Education Association (NEA) locals whose goal is to enable teachers to be participants in shaping education policies and to anticipate changes that are forthcoming. Click here for more information.

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Testimonials

"APA has produced two large-scale studies for the Kansas Department of Education, including work to examine school district boundaries and an analysis of the adequacy of our state's school funding system. We found the firm's staff to be very personable, easy to work with, and responsive to our needs while at the same time producing high quality, reliable work."

-Dale Dennis, Deputy Commissioner
Kansas Department of Education

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