

Ouachita Parish Wins Outstanding District Award

District honored for its outstanding implementation of powerful literacy and mathematics practices

July 8, 2019 — Ouachita Parish Schools in Monroe, Louisiana, won the 2019 Outstanding District Award from the Southern Regional Education Board. The district was honored at SREB's College- and Career-Readiness Standards Networking Conference on July 8 in Baltimore, Maryland.

The Outstanding District Award recognizes a school system that uses SREB's powerful literacy and mathematics practices to revolutionize teaching and learning. SREB's powerful literacy practices help teachers build meaningful literacy-based, standards-aligned assignments and empower them to own their professional growth and drive enhanced outcomes for their students. SREB's powerful mathematics practices offer teachers the instructional strategies they need to build students' procedural fluency while deepening their math knowledge and reasoning skills.

In Ouachita Parish, every math and literacy teacher has been trained to use powerful math practices and powerful literacy practices. Ouachita Parish's two certified local trainers, Tammy Whitlock (literacy) and Donna Patten (math), lead district teachers in implementing the practices. Whitlock and Patten designed and implemented a strategic plan that includes summer and fall training, classroom visits and mentoring for new teachers.

SREB's College- and Career-Readiness Standards Networking Conference helps K-12 teachers deepen their implementation of powerful literacy and mathematics tools and strategies that enhance students' content knowledge and reasoning skills.

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