

# HIGH SCHOOL KEY PRACTICES

As the cornerstone of SREB's Making Schools Work school improvement process, High Schools That Work brings teachers, counselors, school leaders and industry partners together to focus on *engaging instruction*, *aligned curriculum*, *career pathways*, *systems of support* and *leadership for continuous improvement*.

SREB has identified 10 key school and classroom practices that provide high school students with the purpose, direction and accelerated learning opportunities they need to graduate on time and thrive in postsecondary studies, careers and the global marketplace.

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**High Expectations** — Help teachers embrace practices that elevate learning, promote a growth mindset and provide access to challenging course work and resources.  
— *Leadership for Continuous Improvement*

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**Programs of Study** — Ensure each student can develop and complete a high-quality program of study that culminates in the attainment of recognized industry and/or postsecondary credentials.  
— *Career Pathways*

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**Integrated Curriculum** — Teach academic content through the lens of real-world problems and projects.  
— *Aligned Curriculum*

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**Access and Equity** — Ensure each student, including underrepresented and nontraditional students, has equitable access to intellectually challenging career pathways.  
— *Aligned Curriculum*

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**Student Engagement** — Use research-based instructional strategies and innovative technology practices to actively engage each student.  
— *Engaging Instruction*

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**Teacher Collaboration** — Provide teacher teams with the training, time and support they need to improve their lessons, assignments and instructional practices.  
— *Engaging Instruction*

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**Work-Based Learning** — Encourage each student to participate in structured work-based learning experiences that connect the classroom and the workplace.  
— *Career Pathways*

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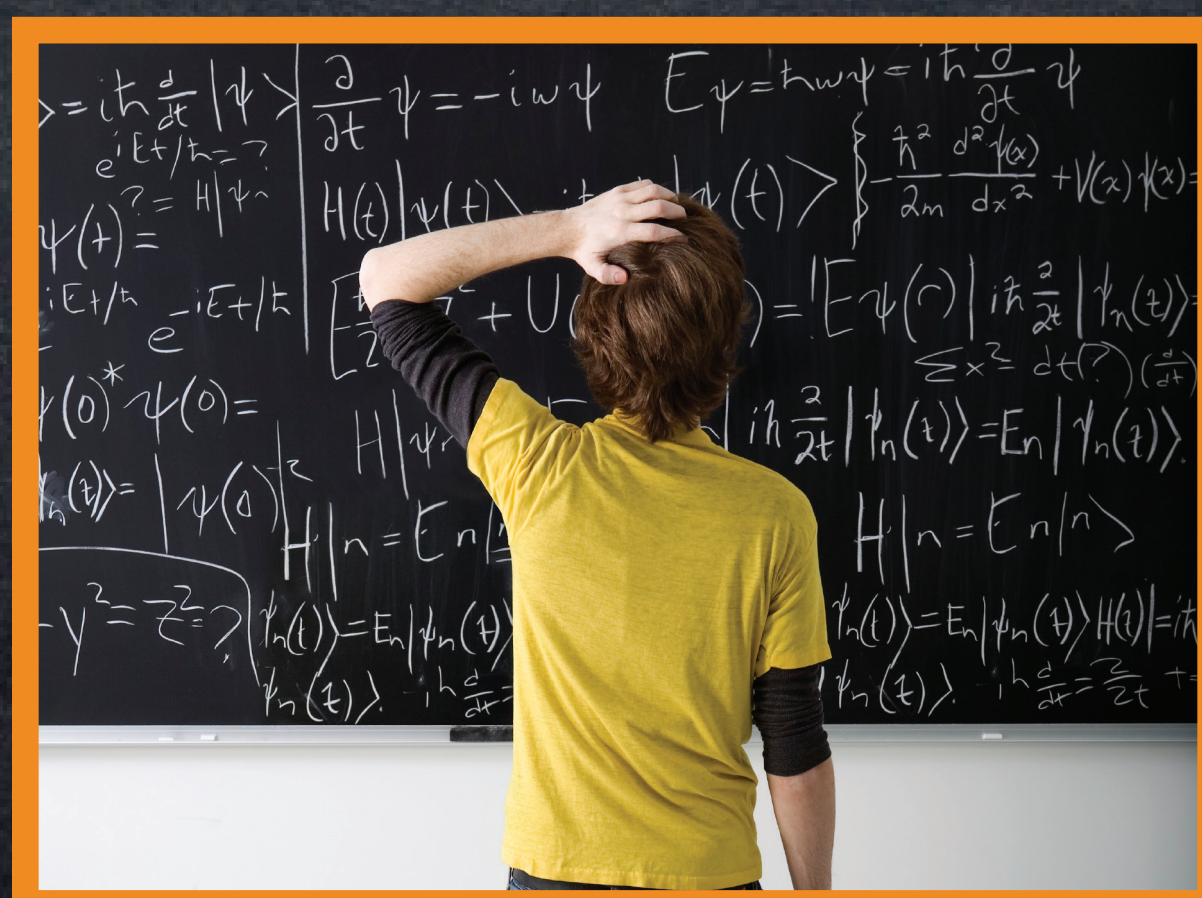
**Guidance and Advisement** — Offer personalized career guidance, advisement and social-emotional supports that empower students to pursue a full range of career and college options.  
— *Systems of Support*

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**Interventions and Enrichments** — Provide students with the extra help and accelerated learning opportunities they need to complete a challenging academic and technical program of study.  
— *Systems of Support*

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**Culture of Continuous Improvement** — Engage the whole school community in continuously analyzing data to identify problems and developing plans to solve them.  
— *Leadership for Continuous Improvement*



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