

## Ohio Wins SREB's State Leadership Award

*State honored for implementing a system of continuous improvement to increase student achievement*

July 11, 2019 — The Ohio Department of Education received the Southern Regional Education Board's 2019 State Leadership Award for its efforts to create a leadership system for continuous improvement. The state was honored at SREB's Making Schools Work Conference on July 11 in Baltimore, Maryland.

SREB's State Leadership Award recognizes states that have established continuous improvement structures and processes that help schools transform their school and classroom practices, establish and sustain change, and increase student achievement.

Ohio sets the standard for supporting schools in implementing SREB's school improvement designs for the middle grades, high schools and shared- or full-time technology centers. Known as Making Middle Grades Work, High Schools That Work and Technology Centers That Work, these designs are grounded in research showing that increased achievement starts with motivating students to succeed.

Ohio established four regional High Schools That Work offices that provide ongoing professional development and supports to schools that join the state's HSTW network. The Ohio Department of Education and regional HSTW offices work closely with network schools to support the implementation of HSTW's key practices.

The state also expanded access to SREB's STEM-intensive, college-preparatory Advanced Career curricula by partnering with SREB to develop two AC pathways in Automated Materials Joining Technology and Health Informatics. High schools and technology centers across the state offer AC programs.

The Making School Work Conference convenes educators from schools that are implementing SREB's school improvement strategies. These schools have increased their focus on quality career and technical education by redesigning assignments around projects that integrate academic and technical knowledge and skills.

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