

Frankfort High School Wins School Pacesetter Award

School honored for using project-based assignments to bring rigor and relevance to learning

July 11, 2018 — Frankfort High School in Frankfort, Kentucky, won a Gene Bottoms Pacesetter School Award from the Southern Regional Education Board. FHS was honored at SREB's 32nd Annual High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference on July 11 in Orlando, Florida.

Pacesetter School Awards recognize schools that use HSTW Key Practices to transform teaching and learning and motivate students to succeed in college, careers and life. FHS adopted a project-based approach for nearly all core and elective courses and expanded personalized learning by integrating technology in projects. Project-based assignments help FHS teachers in all departments assess students' cognitive skills over the course of each project and class as well as from year to year.

FHS has begun implementing a schoolwide senior internship program that includes two 13-week placements consisting of 120 hours of work experience, 10 hours of service learning and a capstone project. FHS will also soon become an early college high school through a partnership with Kentucky State University.

The High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference brings together educators from schools that have implemented the instructional strategies of SREB's school improvement programs. These schools have increased focus on career and technical education by redesigning assignments around projects that often involve both academic and career pathway classes.

The Southern Regional Education Board works with states and educators to improve public education at every level, from early childhood through postsecondary education. Learn more about SREB at sreb.org.

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