

Fleming County High School Wins 2022 Pacesetter School Award

School honored for ensuring students access and complete high-quality career pathways

July 19, 2022 — Fleming County High School in Flemingsburg, Kentucky, is the winner of a 2022 Gene Bottoms Pacesetter School Award from the Southern Regional Education Board. The school will be honored on July 19, 2022, at SREB's Making Schools Work Conference in Grapevine, Texas.

Pacesetter School Awards recognize schools that are implementing one of SREB's Making Schools Work school improvement frameworks and are achieving success in meeting bold goals related to graduation rates, readiness for college and careers, and credential attainment.

Fleming County High School implements [High Schools That Work](#), SREB's school improvement design for high schools. Since 2017, FCHS has been laser-focused on improving access and opportunities for career and technical education students by expanding its career pathway programs and creating more real-world, work-based learning experiences.

The school's CTE facilities underwent a massive renovation resulting in every career pathway having its own classroom and 21st-century lab. FCHS also changed its master schedule to allow students to have more instructional time and more opportunities to focus on project-based learning.

As enrollment and interest increased, nine student enterprises that operate as real businesses were formed. For example, a student-run restaurant is an outgrowth of the school's culinary program, and a dog-grooming business stems from the school's animal science pathway. Students learn all aspects of the business and graduate with industry certifications and the skills necessary to enter the workforce.

Due to the success of its business enterprises, the school developed a Work-Based Learning Cooperative with community partner support. The Cooperative allows students with no access to transportation or community connections to participate in internships and gain work opportunities within the school in pathway businesses.

SREB's [Making Schools Work Conference](#) is held annually and provides educators with opportunities to participate in professional development, network with colleagues from across the country, and build school and district leadership capacity.

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