

Kettering Fairmont High School Wins 2022 Pacesetter School Award

School honored for providing support that keeps students on a college-prep track

July 19, 2022 — Kettering Fairmont High School in Kettering, Ohio, 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.

Fairmont implements [High Schools That Work](#), SREB's school improvement design for high schools. Fairmont places a high priority on getting students on a college preparatory track and keeping them there, believing that this level of academic rigor gives students a leg up to pursue multiple options after graduation.

The school's primary focus of support is on ninth and 10th grade English and math. Three levels of college-prep course work are in place, and students are selected for their appropriate level based on data, including state assessments, grades and assessments within the content areas. The goal is to make sure all students, especially those performing below grade level, can reach a college-prep track by the time they graduate.

English and math teachers and intervention specialists co-teach classes. Regardless of the level, intervention specialists have the mindset that they will support all students, not just those with an IEP (individual education plan).

The strategies are paying off. The last state report card showed Fairmont earned an A in the Gap Closing Component and has shown progress in all student subgroups in both English and math.

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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