

Leavelle McCampbell Middle School Wins 2022 Pacesetter School Award

School honored for providing systems of support and committing to continuous improvement

July 19, 2022 — Leavelle McCampbell Middle School in Graniteville, South Carolina, 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.

Leavelle McCampbell Middle School implements [Making Middle Grades Work](#), SREB's school improvement design for the middle grades. The school provides multiple supports to ensure each student meets rigorous academic standards. Supports include intervention classes, Saturday school, free after-school tutorials and enrichment, and personalized learning.

Students actively explore their interests and discover their strengths, aptitudes and natural abilities with the help of career interest and aptitude assessment tools. The goal is for every student to “begin with the end in mind” and know whether they want to enroll in postsecondary education, enlist in the military or gain employment after graduating. An advisory committee works with students to instruct them on entering and succeeding in these three paths.

Eighth graders are assessed to determine their strongest aptitudes and talents. Weekly career and technical education lessons are embedded into assignments, and students can explore careers of interest online. Each eighth grader and their parents or guardians work with school staff to develop individual graduation plans, review career assessments and make plans for the course work they will complete in high school.

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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