

Alabama's Minor Middle School Earns SREB Award

July 12, 2017 — Minor Middle School in Adamsville, Alabama, earned the Outstanding Making Middle Grades Work Site Award from the Southern Regional Education Board at the 31st Annual High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, on July 12.

Minor has transformed from a junior high school to a middle grades school, changing its name and hiring a new principal in 2016. Staff turnover rates have diminished, student disciplinary infractions have been reduced, and student achievement scores have increased dramatically. The new principal is committed to a schedule redesign that solves teacher planning challenges and provides students with quality instruction. Teachers have specific days which allow them to pursue professional development, department planning and collaboration.

SREB's Making Middle Grades Work program engages the whole school in getting students ready for challenging high school studies. The High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference brings together educators from schools that have implemented the instructional strategies of SREB 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.

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