

Pike County High in Alabama Earns SREB Award

July 12, 2017 — Pike County High School in Brundidge, 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.

Pike County High, with students from seventh through twelfth grades, has embraced SREB's recommendations and is using research-based teaching strategies and MMGW Key Practices to ensure that students not only graduate on time but also graduate ready for the workforce or college. The school's middle grades teachers now have common planning time and work in professional learning communities. Every student is assigned to a mentor teacher to discuss college or career path choices. Teachers have created a process to monitor, assess and provide interventions for struggling students. Teachers and staff are valued and empowered to lead the change.

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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