

Pioneer Career & Technology Center Wins Pacesetter Award

Center honored for establishing systems that support a culture of continuous improvement

July 10, 2019 — Pioneer Career & Technology Center in Shelby, Ohio, is the winner of a 2019 Gene Bottoms Pacesetter School award from the Southern Regional Educational Board. Pioneer was honored at SREB's Making Schools Work Conference on July 10 in Baltimore, Maryland.

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 increases in student graduation rates, readiness for college or careers, and credential attainment.

Pioneer has adopted SREB's Technology Center That Works school improvement model. To ensure each student receives appropriate support to graduate prepared for their next steps, Pioneer created a system of extra help that is a truly collaborative effort between school leaders, teachers and counselors. Through the Pioneer's Success Center, teachers are available to tutor students throughout the day. A special needs department and a student intervention team address students' individual needs, and a school psychologist and counselors provide mental health and emotional support.

Dual enrollment programs and articulation agreements with area colleges enable students to earn a high school diploma and an associate degree at the same time. Students can also earn industry credentials in 25 of Pioneer's 35 career and technical education programs. Pioneer students earned over \$3 million in scholarships in 2017-18, an increase from over \$500,000 earned in 2013-14.

The Making School Work Conference brings together educators from schools that are implementing the instructional strategies of SREB's school improvement programs. These schools have increased their focus on quality career and technical education by redesigning assignments around projects that integrate academic and technical knowledge and skills.

The Southern Regional Education Board works with states and educators to improve public education at every level, from early childhood through postsecondary education. Learn more about SREB at sreb.org.

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