

St. Marys Middle School Earns SREB Award

July 12, 2017 — St. Marys Middle School in Camden County, Georgia, earned the Outstanding Making Middle Grades Work School Award from the Southern Regional Education Board at the 31st Annual High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, on July 12.

St. Marys is a now STEM-based school with STEM Certification from the state of Georgia (the only way traditional middle grades schools can receive STEM recognition). It adopted the Literacy Design Collaborative and the Mathematics Design Collaborative frameworks to ensure students receive accelerated literacy and math instruction. Other schoolwide initiatives include project-based learning, a professional advisory committee, and a STEM website showcasing the school's beliefs, attributes and exemplary student work.

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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