

SREB | School Improvement

Making Schools Work Conference

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About the Conference

The Southern Regional Education Board's **Making Schools Work Conference** is the nation's premier education conference for K-12 educators like you to share your strategies, struggles and successes. Each year, the conference offers hundreds of sessions on topics ranging from literacy, math and science to practical strategies for addressing unfinished learning and advancing classroom behavioral management, quality career pathways and much more.

Thousands of teachers and school and district leaders have been attending the conference and implementing Making Schools Work's transformational school improvement practices for more than 30 years.

Why Should You Attend?

Attendees will gain powerful insights into reaching each student and adopting new instructional strategies in their schools and classrooms.

Attendees will:

- Identify ways to motivate students and help them make the connection between success in the classroom and their career and college options
- Create caring school cultures that support the emotional health and well-being of students and staff
- Network with other educators
- Learn promising practices from peers and thought leaders
- Explore how to use data to make informed decisions
- Learn how to build stronger school teams
- Attract, prepare and retain highly skilled teachers and leaders

Full registration includes admission to all conference sessions, daily coffee and refreshment breaks, and hot lunches on Wednesday and Thursday.



Who Attends the Making Schools Work Conference?

The Making Schools Work Conference is attended by around 3000 educators from around the country.

The average conference attendee breakdown looks like this:

- School/CTE Administrator: **38%**
- Teacher: **34%**
- Counselor, Instructional Coach, Coach or Other: **24%**

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Work Conference?

Here is what past attendees had to say:

“Overall, I thought the conference was great and had a lot of variety in its sessions!”

“I learned tremendously and came away with tools I will utilize for the betterment of my students.”

“The conference was exceedingly well organized and offered a variety of session that made it hard to decide which ones to attend! There were so many great options for all types of roles.”

More Information

Need your principal or district leader's approval?

Download our [sample letter](#) with persuasive arguments for attending.

Add on a Learning Community: We offer networking opportunities for [instructional coaches](#), [school leaders](#) and [technology center teams](#).

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