Granville High School Wins 2022 Pacesetter School Award

School honored for providing systems of extra help and interventions to help students succeed

July 19, 2022 — Granville High School in Granville, Ohio, is the winner of a 2022 Gene Bottoms Pacesetter School Award from the Southern Regional Education Board. The school will be honored on July 19, 2022, at SREB’s Making Schools Work Conference in Grapevine, Texas.

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 graduation rates, readiness for college and careers, and credential attainment.

Granville High School implements High Schools That Work, SREB’s school improvement design for high schools. GHS has worked intentionally to establish a culture in which receiving extra help is the norm, not the exception. As a result, interventions and extra initiatives have lead to sustained academic success for students.

The GHS counseling department helps parents and students begin high school by establishing their goals and plans early. Four-year planner meetings with incoming freshmen and their families help students map out their high school courses and tap into their passions and interests. Each year, all students benefit from numerous ways to receive extra help in meeting their goals. Teachers offer before and after school sessions each week as well as incorporate extra help sessions within the school day to accommodate students who are involved in extracurricular activities.

Upperclass students mentor freshmen in their study hall periods, focusing on academic, social and cultural transions to high school. The English, math and global language departments also offer a help lab throughout the day. Teachers provide one-on-one interventions to students serving after-school detentions, working with them on content mastery and academic success.

The last state school report card showed Granville High School earning an A across the board in achievement, progress, gap closing and graduation rates.

SREB’s Making Schools Work Conference is held annually and provides educators with opportunities to participate in professional development, network with colleagues from across the country and build school and district leadership capacity.

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