

Moore High School Wins 2020 Pacesetter Award

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

June 30, 2020 — Moore High School in Moore, Oklahoma, is the winner of a 2020 Gene Bottoms Pacesetter School Award from the Southern Regional Educational Board. Moore will be honored on July 6, 2021, at SREB's Making Schools Work Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, due to the cancellation of the 2020 conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. Moore also received SREB's [Outstanding School Award in 2018](#) for its outstanding literacy and math practices.

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 and careers, and credential attainment.

Moore High School implements [High Schools That Work](#), SREB's school improvement design for high schools. Beginning in 2016, Oklahoma required all juniors to take the ACT exam. MHS designed a strategy to improve its students' ACT scores as part of its mission to prepare students for college and careers.

MHS contracted with a vendor to provide a practice exam to all juniors. Teachers then used practice exam results to assess students' strengths and areas for growth and create strategies to address deficiencies in the classroom or through specialized intervention programs. As a result, Moore students improved their ACT scores by three points.

Moore High School spent approximately \$5,000 on vouchers to help seniors pay for the ACT exam. MHS also provides the pre-ACT to all sophomores and uses exam results to guide course selection. Ninth graders are now required by Moore High School and Moore Public Schools to take the ACT Aspire exam.

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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