

Ozark R-VI Career Center Wins Pacesetter Award

Center honored for offering career pathways that put students on the fast track to industry credentials, college credits and careers

July 11, 2018 — The Ozark R-VI Career Center in Ozark, Missouri, won a Gene Bottoms Pacesetter School Award from the Southern Regional Education Board. The center was honored at SREB's 32nd Annual High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference on July 11 in Orlando, Florida.

Pacesetter School Awards recognize schools that use HSTW Key Practices to transform teaching and learning and motivate students to succeed in college, careers and life. Ozark redesigned the senior year of high school around challenging career pathway programs that jump-start student achievement and credential attainment.

Ozark's redesigned career pathways feature four math courses, including advanced math, that relate to students' interests and help them transition to further education. In Ozark's second year of tracking data on its senior-year redesign, more than 70 percent of seniors left the district with an industry-recognized credential, college credits, advanced military standing and/or a vocational placement.

The High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference brings together educators from schools that have implemented the instructional strategies of SREB's 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.

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