



# HSTW NE Ohio Region

## Creating High Performing School Improvement Cultures



### All schools in Ohio are eligible to join HSTW and MMGW

All Ohio public, private and charter elementary and middle grades schools (K-8), high schools (9-12) and career technical centers (11-12) interested in HSTW and Making Middle Grades Work (MMGW) are eligible to join. The regional office provides coaching and professional development services to districts and schools implementing the HSTW and MMGW school improvement design of 10 Key Practices in **Creating High Performing School Improvement Cultures**. Schools that officially adopt HSTW and MMGW are eligible for state funding and regional support. After deeply implementing HSTW and MMGW for 3 to 5 years, districts and schools see improved student achievement and increased graduation rates.

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In 1998, Ohio became the 22nd state to join the Southern Region Education Boards (SREB)'s HSTW national network. In 2002, Ohio became the 15th state to join the MMGW national network. **In 2019, the Ohio Department of Education funded 145 career centers/ high schools and 137 middle/elementary schools implementing the HSTW and MMGW school improvement design.** For 21 years, HSTW NE Ohio Region has received a state grant from the Ohio Department of Education to support northeast Ohio HSTW and MMGW districts and schools.

**The Ohio Department of Education, Office of Career Technical Education** oversees the HSTW/MMGW regional offices and state network of HSTW/MMGW sites. Dan Stacy, dan.stacy@education.ohio.gov serves as the HSTW Consultant. Paolo DeMaria, Superintendent of Public Instruction, supports HSTW/MMGW by participating in national research-based efforts with SREB and other states to improve CTE education. State and national websites: [www.ohiohstw.org](http://www.ohiohstw.org). [www.sreb.org](http://www.sreb.org)

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## **HSTW NE Ohio Region is committed to:**

### **Building Leadership Capacity for Change**

HSTW and MMGW sites focus on building the leadership skills of principals and teachers to implement the changes needed to increase student achievement and graduate all students prepared for enrollment, enlistment or employment. To achieve these goals, all students must be ready for rigorous academics/career technical studies at the next level without remediation.

### **Using a “One Plan” Approach**

Member sites and districts focus on creating high performing school improvement cultures by engaging all stakeholders in a “one plan” approach to school improvement. The HSTW and MMGW school improvement design of 10 Key Practices is designed to support existing school improvement efforts and aligned with Ohio’s strategic plan.

### **Focusing on 10 Key Practices**

Member sites implement the school’s goals and school improvement plans using the HSTW/MMGW school improvement design of 10 Key Practices. The key practices are based upon the implementation of evidence-based strategies proven to help schools transform elementary, middle and high schools (K-12) into places where all students learn at high levels. This school improvement design is based on the belief that most students can master complex academic and technical concepts if schools create an environment that encourages students to make the effort to succeed.

### **Establishing Active Region, State and National Networks**

There are four phases a school must complete to join the HSTW and MMGW networks. First a school expresses **interest** and contacts the HSTW NE Ohio Region office. A regional coach meets with the school leadership and develops a plan to **explore** HSTW/MMGW. During exploration, the site visits best practice sites, and attends region, state and national professional development. To move to **planning** and then **implementation**, the site develops a plan, and officially adopts the HSTW or MMGW school improvement design to support existing school improvement efforts. Implementing sites become official members of the HSTW and MMGW region, state and national networks.

### **Providing Regional Support and Services**

HSTW and MMGW implementing sites are eligible to receive state funding from the Ohio Department of Education through the CCIP. Coaching and professional development services are available through the regional offices:

- **Technical Assistance/Coaching Services:** Building Leadership Team (BLT), Teacher-based Teams (TBTs), Focus Teams, Site Action Plans, District Leadership Team (DLT), Curriculum Directors
- **Focused Staff Development/Professional Development:** Instructional Leaders Series, Administrators/Site Coordinator Academy, Literacy Across the Curriculum, Numeracy Across the Curriculum, Readiness for High School and 3Es: Enrolled, Enlisted, Employed, Reconnects. See the website for more offerings: [www.ohiohstw.org](http://www.ohiohstw.org)
- **Multiple Assessment Targets:** HSTW/MMGW Teacher and Student Surveys, Site Action Plan, Site Review Process, Building a Data Culture
- **Active/Engaged Communication and Networking:** Region/Ohio networks hosting the Ohio School Improvement Institute (OSII), SREB Making Schools Work national network and conference, Battelle STEM Learning Network (OSLN), State Support Teams (SSTs), Education Service Centers (ESC), Tech Prep and many more
- **Region and State Grants/Region and National Recognition:** Advanced Careers Grants, Professional Development Grants, Presentation Grants, HSTW Ohio Network Recognitions of Districts, Schools, Principals, Site Coordinators

**We are proud!!! Ohio is the only state to be recognized by SREB for outstanding state leadership. Since 2000, Ohio has received 221 national recognitions from SREB** for improved performance in implementing the HSTW and MMGW school improvement design. Ohio has received more recognitions than any other member state. **In the HSTW NE Ohio Region, sites have received 32 national recognitions from SREB.** In additions, northeast member sites have received Ohio Schools of Promise, Ohio Schools of Honor, and US News and World Report rankings Silver and Bronze levels.