

Formulation for a Plan to **Increase Current** **Graduation Rates**

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Step 1

Identify at Risk Students

At the conclusion of Elementary School students (*not previously classified as “Special Education”*) will meet certain pre-determined criteria.

Step 2

Criteria for At Risk Students

The following criteria will be used to identify those students at high risk:

- Academic performance of $< C$ (70%) in more than 2 academic areas.
- Standardized test results in math or reading 2 or more grades behind present grade.
- Excessive unexcused absences

Step 3

Mentoring

With the assistance of Department teachers and voluntarily students at risk students will be offered assistance in subject areas of concern. These meetings that can be offered before or after school will allow at risk students the extra support they need to succeed in academic subject areas.

Step 4

PARENTIAL INVOLVEMENT

Begin a “Partnerships for Success” program district-wide actively encouraging parents and students to join forces with the school to create a concerted effort to achieve the highest level of accomplishment for their student.

Included would be:

- Checking compliance to assigned homework assignments
- Curtailing TV, phone, non-school work computer time
- Limiting time with peers on school nights
- Incentive based rewards on improved academics
- Weekly communication with student, teacher and parent

Step 5

Improvement of Standardized Testing

Classes will be offered in understanding practicing and complying in successful completion of standardized testing utilizing:

- Test taking strategies
- Using time restraints effectively
- Comprehension of the problem

Step 6

Attendance

District Social Workers will be made aware of students whose attendance is excessive and attempt to identify and remediate difficulties in compliance of policy. If necessary families will be provided with agencies that provide free or low cost family services that may include:

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- Transitional Planning resources
 - Psychiatric services
 - Psychological services
 - Parenting classes
 - Family counseling
 - Conflict resolution strategies
 - Financial planning services