Dropout Prevention
Keeping students in school and on track for graduation

Implementing a coherent approach to dropout prevention can help keep students in school and on track for graduation. An expert panel identified six practices that together have the potential to make a bigger difference in reducing dropout rates.

DIAGNOSTIC PRACTICES

Data Systems
— Examine academic performance
— Monitor engagement and persistence
— Track students over time

TARGETED INTERVENTIONS

Social/Behavior Programs
— Strengthen students' problem-solving and decision-making skills
— Help students establish goals
— Establish community partnerships

Academic Support
— Provide intensive support programs
— Offer tutoring for students who need help
— Provide opportunities for credit recovery

Adult Advocates
— Match advocates to student needs
— Provide ongoing training for advocates
— Ensure regular meeting times between advocates and students

SCHOOLWIDE INTERVENTIONS

Rigorous/Relevant Instruction
— Incorporate career themes
— Provide information about postsecondary options
— Provide internship opportunities

Learning Environment
— Establish small learning communities
— Create smaller classes
— Provide extended learning time