Texas Strategies for Dropout Prevention

Ensuring Accountability for Dropouts

Providing Programs for At-Risk Students

Integrating Best Practices

Promoting Parent, Family and Community Resources

Strengthening The Foundation

VISION
Every student will graduate with the skills necessary for 21st century workforce and postsecondary success.

Coordinating
Collaborating
Facilitating

Dropout Prevention Task Force
Dropout Prevention Asset Map

Providing Programs for At-Risk Students

- Adult Education
- Alternative Charter Schools
- AMACHI Mentoring
- Bilingual Education/English As A Second Language (ESL)
- Career and Technical Education
- Collaborative Dropout Reduction Program
- College Credit Program
- Communities In Schools
- Dropout Recovery Pilot Program
- Early College High Schools
- General Educational Development
- Gifted/Talented Education
- Grants for Student Clubs Pilot
- Health, Fitness, Nutrition & Safety
- High School Equivalency
- High Schools That Work
- Homeless Education
- Intensive Summer Programs for Middle and High School
- Intensive Technology-Based Academic Intervention Program
- Investment Capital Fund
- Job Corps
- Life Skills Grant for Student Parents
- Limited English Proficiency Student Success Initiatives
- Migrant Education
- Ninth Grade Transition and Intervention Programs
- No Child Left Behind – Titles I-V
- Optional Extended Year Program
- Optional Flexible School Day
- Online Tutoring Pilot
- Service Learning
- Student Success Initiatives
- Technology Programs
- Texas GEAR UP
- Texas High School Project
- T-STEM Academies
- Texas School Dropout Prevention and Reentry Program
- Texas Virtual School Network
- 21st Century Community Learning Centers

Integrating Best Practices

- Agency Research and Program Evaluations
- Best Practice Clearinghouse
- Best Practices in Dropout Prevention Study
- Coordination with Education Service Centers (ESCs)
- Regional Educational Lab SW Institute for Educational Sciences (IES) of USDE
- IES Practice Guide for Dropout Prevention
- Response to Intervention Strategies (RtI)

Strengthening the Foundation

- College and Career Readiness Standards
- Curriculum/Texas Essential Knowledge & Skills (TEKS)
- District Awards for Teacher Excellence Grant
- Early Childhood Education
- Educator Certification
- Graduation Requirements
- Online Research Resources
- Pre-K Expansion Grant
- Professional Development Reading First K-3
- School Counseling
- School Readiness Certification
- School Restructuring and Redesign
- Student Success Initiatives
- Teacher Excellence Grant
- Teach For America
- Teacher Mentoring
- UTeach

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Ensuring Accountability for Dropouts

- Calculate the Dropout Rate for State and Federal Accountability
- Campus Turn Around Team
- Grantee Progress Reports
- Federal Accountability (AYP)
- Personal Graduation Plans
- Program Monitoring and Interventions
- School Audits
- School Dropout Prevention Plans
- Special Education Coordination
- Individuals with Disabilities
- Education Act (IDEA)
- Standard and Alternative Education Accountability (AEA)
- The Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS)
- Texas Benchmark Dropout Data 2006-2007

Grade 7-12 Dropouts

- 55,306

Longitudinal Grade 9-12 Dropout Rate

- 11.4%

Annual Grade 9-12 Dropout Rate

- 3.9%

Source: TEA Division of Accountability Research

Prevention Goals

2009-2011

Reduce the longitudinal dropout rate by 1% annually.

Increase the longitudinal graduation rate by 0.8% annually.

Reduce the 9th grade retention rate by 0.5% annually.

Increase Exit Level TAKS passing rate by 5% annually.

*Adopted from the High School Completion and Success Initiative Council Strategic Plan, 2008.

The solution to the Texas dropout problem does not reside in a single area of the agency, but necessarily involves the work of each department in partnership with schools, business and community organizations. The Task Force was created in 2008 to facilitate collaborative efforts to tackle problems and develop solutions inside the agency and with our community partners.

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