

Suggested Framework for Mobilizing for Education Excellence Action Teams

Strategies

Overarching strategies will guide us in determining if goals and actions, detailed in our work plans, will be instrumental in moving the needle of reform. These strategies would allow us to develop indicators and measurements to demonstrate our progress.

- School Readiness
- Early Grade Reading Proficiency
- Middle Grade Success
- High School Graduation
- Success in College, Work and Life

Goals

- Determined by the teams on their work plans

Actions

- Tactics/Actions as outlined on work plans

Cultural Competence Lens

- Questions that we will use as a guide to ensure that our goals and actions are culturally aware and sensitive to our community

Outcome Indicators

- Indicators that will enable us to demonstrate our progress to the community

Measurements

- Metrics that will support measurement of our outcomes

HERE IS A SNAPSHOT OF STRATEGIES FOR EACH FOCUS AREA:

SCHOOL READINESS STRATEGIES

- 1. Provide Resources and Supports for Families and Caregivers**
 - Connect parents to information, resources and supports.
 - Provide supports for family, friend and neighbor caregivers.
- 2. Improve the Quality of Early Care and Education**
 - Improve early care environments.
 - Improve the training and qualifications of providers.
 - Support the development and implementation of quality rating systems.
 - Collect and evaluate data to make sure programs are effective.
- 3. Provide Books to Children**
- 4. Build Awareness of the Early Development Instrument (EDI) as a Population-Data Tool**
- 5. Engage the Public and Educate Policymakers on Early Learning**
 - Conduct public education campaigns.
 - Implement system building efforts.

EARLY GRADE READING PROFICIENCY STRATEGIES

- 1. Provide Support to Students Struggling With Reading**
 - Tutor struggling readers.
 - Support summer reading.
 - Support effective out-of-school reading.
- 2. Develop Effective Principals and Teachers Who Keep Students Engaged**
 - Engaged in Learning
 - Strengthen teacher and principal preparation and professional development in reading instruction.
 - Support improved state reading standards and assessments.
 - Ensure that textbooks, techniques and curricula are grounded in best practice.
 - Promote formative assessments to drive classroom instruction.
 - Help teachers teach in ways that engage children.
- 3. Help Families Help their Children Become Strong Readers**
 - Help families identify reading problems early.
 - Inform families of effective home-based strategies to help their children learn to read.
 - Strengthen family literacy.
 - Partner with families to boost school attendance.

MIDDLE GRADE SUCCESS STRATEGIES

- 1. Strengthen Academic Effectiveness and Enhance Professional Development**
 - Reduce the number of chronically absent students.
 - Enhance professional development for teachers.
 - Improve assessments to ensure students are on track.
- 2. Make Curricula More Hands-On, Relevant, and Engaging**
 - Make coursework relevant.
 - Engage students in a variety of ways.
- 3. Create Transition Programs that Provide Social and Academic Support**
 - Provide enhanced academic support for struggling students.
 - Provide extra structure and personal interaction with adults.
 - Support collaboration among middle and high school teachers, counselors and administrators.
 - Enhance peer support.

- 4. Provide Quality Out-of-School Opportunities that Reinforce and Enhance Learning**
 - Offer expanded learning opportunities that support social and emotional development.
 - Provide exposure to careers and keep students engaged.
- 5. Develop Systems that Provide Early Warning Data to Prevent Failure**
 - Develop and use data systems based on grades, attendance and behavior to monitor progress and trigger interventions.
 - Ensure that early warning data is readily accessible to and used by teachers, counselors, administrators, families and community organizations.
- 6. Increase Family Involvement and Connections**

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION STRATEGIES

- 1. Improve the Quality, Rigor and Relevance of Instruction in High Schools**
 - Improve effective teaching.
 - Make high school curricula more rigorous.
 - Make high school curricula more relevant to the real world.
 - Create new schools to better meet the diverse needs of students.
- 2. Create a Supportive Learning Environment for All Students**
 - Personalize learning communities.
 - Expand out-of-school opportunities.
 - Increase access to support services.
- 3. Use Early Warning Data Systems to Identify and Help At-Risk Students**
 - Identify students at risk of dropping out with an early warning data system.
 - Provide at-risk students with targeted interventions.
- 4. Re-Engage Dropouts in School**
 - Support the development of dropout recovery programs.
 - Support multiple pathways to graduation.
- 5. Engage Families More Effectively**

STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS IN COLLEGE, WORK AND LIFE

- 1. Improve High School Preparation and Promote Better Coordination Between the K-12 and Post-Secondary Education Systems**
 - Improve the rigor and relevance of high schools.
 - Support state and community efforts to better coordinate the K-12 and post-secondary systems.
- 2. Expand Out-of-School Efforts to Help Students Connect to Careers and Develop Career-Ready Skills**
 - Expand and enhance youth employment programs.
 - Support out-of-school programs that develop college and career skills.
- 3. Develop Policies and Practices to Help Students Plan for, Access and Pay for College**
 - Promote a college-going culture for all students.
 - Expand mentoring and other community-based supports for college access.
 - Develop innovative financial aid options.
 - Create alternative pathways to post-secondary education and careers for disconnected youth.
- 4. Provide Supports to Help Students Succeed in College and Complete a Degree or Credential**
 - Provide continuing academic and social support for students once they are in college.
 - Reform the remedial education system.