

DROPOUT PREVENTION

The Tyler County Board of Education urges every teacher, guidance counselor, principal, parent, and citizen to exert all influence possible to encourage students to remain in school and pursue a formal education.

A "dropout" shall be defined as a student who voluntarily chooses to leave school prior to the satisfactory completion of all requirements for a high school diploma. Relative to the Board's intent as stated above, the following practices, as applicable, shall be implemented to provide assistance for "at risk" students:

1. Identification at an early age of students who may be potential dropouts; warning signs may include truancy, excessive absences, suspensions, or significant drop in achievement.
2. Implementation of the Student Assistance Team process which involves consultation among administrators, teachers, and counselors regarding the reasons and causes, attempting to minimize the probability of a dropout situation. The student should be involved and counseled in this regard. Referrals shall be made to other professional resources as warranted.
3. Enlistment of parent support and assistance.
4. Alternative educational placements and/or programs, behavior modifications, social adjustments, etc., which may benefit the student.
5. Assignment of a teacher or counselor to periodically monitor the student's progress.

If at all possible, no student shall be withdrawn from school, as a dropout, until a conference has been held with the student, parent, and school personnel. This conference shall serve as a final attempt to persuade the student to continue his or her education.

REFERENCE:

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