

Webster County School District



Dropout Prevention Plan 2023-2024

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Webster County School District's Dropout Prevention Plan is a collaborative effort to prevent and/or reduce the number of students dropping out of school in Webster County. The goals and strategies listed in the plan serve as a guide to help all students acquire a quality education.

Research has identified attendance, behavior and course performance as proven data points to predict the likelihood of a student graduating from high school. WCSD Dropout Prevention Team recognizes the importance of tracking and monitoring these specific data points as well as others as a means of moving a student back on track to graduation by early identification of issues and matching of specific interventions to best meet the needs of the student.

Overall goal:

- To increase the graduation rate of Webster County School District to 95% each school year.

Initiatives

Goal 1: Reduce the retention rate in kindergarten, first, and second grades.

Strategies:

- Use Extended Learning time (ELT) to target specific academic standards.
- Utilize Tier 2 and Tier 3 interventions to decrease learning gaps in the classroom.
- Use MKAS, Star, and iReady screeners/progress monitoring to identify at risk students.
- Provide specifically designed instruction to meet IEP goals of students with disabilities.
- Provide professional development for teachers on data analysis and instructional strategies.
- Provide a safe, clean, and welcoming environment for students to learn.

Goal 2: Targeting subgroups that need additional assistance to meet graduation requirements.

Strategies:

- Provide specialized remediation through online computer programs.
- Interventionists will provide individualized and small group instruction to remediate students.
- Consultants will provide additional teacher coaching in Math and ELA to target students with disabilities and/or underperforming.
- Webster County CTC allows high school students the opportunity to learn a specific skill.

Goal 3: Provide a dropout recovery initiative that will focus on students aged seventeen through twenty-one, who dropped out of school.

Strategies:

- The leadership teams will monitor results from indicators such as attendance, academic performance, and behavioral issues to help identify at risk students.
- Counselors meet with students and parents to update information in selecting their appropriate graduation pathway.
- Include parental engagement to support student scheduling, academics, and behavioral success.

Goal: 4 Address how students will transition to the home school district from the juvenile detention center.

Strategies

- Provide behavioral interventions by implementing behavior plans.
- Utilize interns from Mississippi State University's Educational Psychology Department.
- Utilize school counselors to provide support to students with social and emotional needs.
- Allow students to meet with administrators, counselors, interventionists, and other staff members to help them set goals for any transitions that the student(s) may need.

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Year	Graduation Rate
2022-2023	91%

2022-2023 MAAP Results: Proficient or Above

	Language Arts	Math
3rd	66.4%	59.5%
4th	73.1%	73.1%
5th	60.2%	48.8%
6th	47.5%	55.8%
7th	33.0%	48.6%
8th	34%	44.2%

2022-2023 High School Subject Area Test: Proficient or Above

Algebra I	63.6%
Biology I	59.9%
English II	59.6%
U.S. History	79.1%

Dropout Prevention Team Members

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| 1. Corey Stidham | East Webster High School Principal |
| 2. Chip Powell | Eupora High School Principal |
| 3. Lauren Smith | Eupora Elementary School Principal |
| 4. Jennifer Carver | East Webster Elementary School Principal |
| 5. Josh Alford | Webster County CTC Director |
| 6. Leigh Johnson | Webster County Special Education Director |
| 7. Kelly Powell | Counselor |
| 8. Cindy Ellis | Student Services |
| 9. Dixie Pogue | Director of Federal Programs & Curriculum |

Dropout Prevention/Restructuring Plan Assurances

On behalf of Webster County School District, I hereby submit the Dropout Prevention Plan to provide goals, activities, and services necessary to meet the overarching goals of the state dropout prevention plan:

- Reducing the retention rates in grades kindergarten, first and second.
- Targeting subgroups that need additional assistance to meet graduation requirements.
- Developing dropout recovery initiatives that focus on students age seventeen through twenty-one, who dropped out of school.
- Addressing how students will transition to the home school district from the juvenile detention centers.

I hereby certify that Webster County School District will evaluate our district dropout prevention plan on an annual basis to determine appropriate changes needed for future school years.

I hereby certify that Webster County School Board has reviewed and approved this plan for submission to the Mississippi Department of Education.

James Mason
District Superintendent

Signature

Date

Rana Mitchell
School Board Chair

Signature

Date