

Yazoo County School District Dropout Prevention Plan

Objectives	Initiatives	Implementation Process
Identify warning signs of dropping out	Use a data management system to track grades, test scores, retention, discipline, and attendance.	*School Status Accountability Analyzer provides data necessary to track student performance on MCT2 and SATP2, as well as, universal screening, benchmark tests, attendance and discipline
		EZ Test Tracker tracks student performance on MCT2 and ELS Benchmark Assessments. Provides data for student performance in reading, language, and math.
		CASE 21 assesses academic performance of high school students in state tested subject areas (English II, Biology I, Algebra I, and US History). * All schools will begin using CASE21 assessments.
		USA Test Prep is an online tool used by high school teachers to provide practice questions and remediation for SATP2 tested subjects. It provides information about student readiness for SATP2 assessments.
		Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assesses academic performance of K-8th graders in reading and math.
		School Attendance Clerks report and track students with excessive absences.
Reduce risk factors of dropping out	Provide opportunities for students to receive assistance and/or credits to graduate. Provide various options for graduation.	District/Career Pathways Option for Graduation allows students to graduate with 21 credits rather than the traditional 24. Students may enroll at a community college or trade school after graduating from high school.
		*OdysseyWare Credit Recovery allows students to recover credits from previously failed courses.
		*Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment allows high school juniors and seniors to earn high school and college credit simultaneously.
		Mississippi Virtual Public School allows high school students to take courses online that may not be offered on campus.
	Provide support for students who are in danger of academic failure	Response to Intervention/Teacher Support Teams identify students with academic/behavioral weaknesses, provide individualized interventions to address areas of concern.
		Interventionists at both elementary schools work to identify and remediate students in danger of failing.
		Compensatory courses are offered to junior high and high school students who have failed or are in danger of failing state tests. These courses provide intense instruction in reading and math.

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Reduce risk factors of dropping out	Provide opportunities for students to feel invested in their education.	Individualized Career and Academic Plans (iCAP) are created by all 8th grade students and updated yearly.
		*ActiveStudent is provided through the student information system. Students can log on to view their grades, attendance, and make course selections for the coming school year.
		Community Solutions of MS partners with Yazoo County High School and Junior High to provide a mentoring program. Each year, students are paired with an adult mentor who works to support and encourage the student throughout the year.
		Commit to Graduate program for 9th grade students provides an opportunity for freshmen to be recognized for making a commitment to stay in school.
Provide support for students demonstrating excessive discipline issues.		School Counselors and a District Behavior Specialist work to identify behavior issues, provide counseling, and develop behavior plans for students in need.
		Yazoo County School District and Warren Yazoo Mental Health partner to provide counseling services for students with behavior/emotional problems.
		Yazoo County Juvenile Detention Center provides instruction by a certified teacher for students who are temporarily incarcerated.
		Yazoo County Alternative Program provides transition for students returning from the Detention Center as well as placement for students with excessive behavioral problems in the traditional instructional environment.
Reduce student absences	Track student attendance and provide incentives to improve student attendance.	AIM Parent Notification alerts parents when their child is absent from school.
		The Yazoo County Truancy Officers are notified when students obtain five unexcused absences.
		Friday Rewards are provided for perfect attendance for the week.
Improve school/parent/community partnerships	Develop programs/strategies for connecting school, home, and community.	Strategic Planning Committee is a group of school, parent, student, and community leaders who collaborate to identify district strengths and weaknesses and develop strategies for improvement.
		Active Parent online tool allows parents to view their child's grades, attendance, and discipline.
		Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled to occur three times each school year.

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(*) Indicates newly proposed processes to be implemented during the coming school year.