



Faith's Friday FLASH

GA Graduation/Drop out
Prevention Project

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FLASH! YOU HEARD IT HERE! our focus...ATTENDANCE



As we continue our work within our schools, it will be important to keep in mind our

ESSENTIAL QUESTION:

“Did the school meet its performance target or the threshold criterion”?

If the target was missed what factors contributed to the miss? What can we do to improve success for students; what do we already have in place?

How do we determine the most important group to focus on at our school?

Remember that the focus of this project is Students with Disabilities...we need to look at specific students and determine interventions/strategies will make a difference

Engaging Students

Dr. Sandra Christensen

Web seminar

JAN 22, 2008 12:00-1:30

Register @ www.ndpc-sd.org

COACHES TRAINING

JAN 30, 2008 9:30-3:00

Disability Connection

170 College Street

Macon, GA 31201

Team Member Changes or Team Training Absences?

Contact Susan Brozovic

SBrozovic.doe.k12.ga.us

Check out Elluminate sessions that Susan Brozovic sent regarding Graduation Rules

Team Members that are absent from training sessions will need to have information redelivered

Log in your coaching activities

PHASE I: ANALYZE DATA & IDENTIFY CRITICAL NEEDS



Phase I

District and school demographics

Student performance (graduation, dropout, course completion, retentions
AYP, EOC tests, CRCT tests, other test data)

District/school policies and procedures (including attendance and discipline)
Assessment, curriculum, and instructional systems

... *hard at work!*

Current initiatives (academic, attendance, and discipline) and partnerships that can be leveraged

Transition and post-secondary outcomes data
Parent/family engagement

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:

Is the examination of relevant data complete?

*If yes, are you able to identify which factors are influencing dropout in your district? What changes can be made to improve?

*If no, what additional data will you need to make this determination?

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Bring to the Jan 30th coaches training:

- Attendance Policy and available data (over the last 4 years if possible)
- Action Plan (activity 8; Please provide me with a copy of plan)
- Data probes (please provide me with a hard copy)
- Standards for Implementing a High Quality School Graduation/Dropout...
- Essential tasks and timeline for Implementing a High Quality School Graduation/Dropout Prevention Program (Please provide me with a copy)
- Attribute Sheet/Attendance (Please have completed and provide me with a copy)

Please be prepared to discuss:

- Information from the Student Engagement Webinar-Jan. 22.
- How students will be selected for targeted support for the Student Engagement portion of the Implementation Plan.
- What are the needs of the Collaborative Coaches and how can we best meet these needs.

We will preview the rest of Year 1 and discuss how Year 2 is taking shape and ask for your feedback.