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Webinar 3: Data Driven: Making Student and School Data Accessible and Meaningful to Families

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- Zena Rudo, Project Director, National PIRC Coordination Center, SEDL
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Welcome and Introduction



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Opening Remarks



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Where Does the Office of Safe & Drug-Free Schools Fit In?

IT'S SIMPLE.

STUDENTS CAN'T LEARN IF THEY DON'T FEEL SAFE.

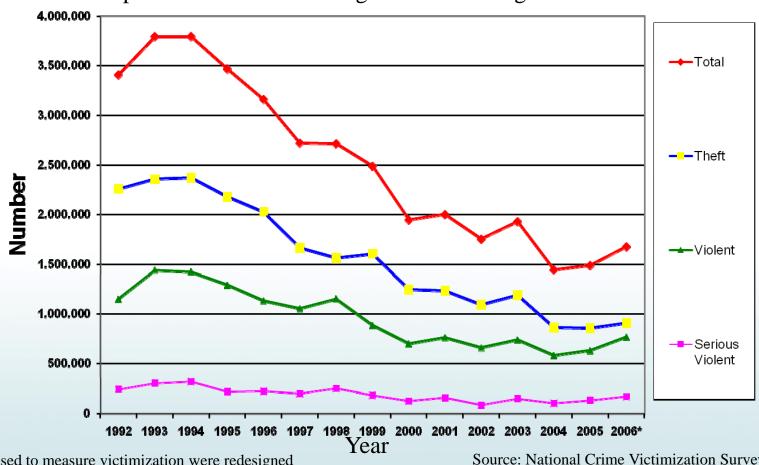
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Rates of Victimization at School Have **Dropped Dramatically**

Number of student-reported nonfatal crimes against students ages 12-18 at school: 1992-2006



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The Traditional View Misses the Boat...or Maybe the Iceberg

"Incivil behavior" – verbal threats, hate language, bullying, social rejection – is <u>almost twice as likely</u> to predict student "self-protection" (skipping school, avoiding areas/activities) as is crime (theft, attacks) at school.

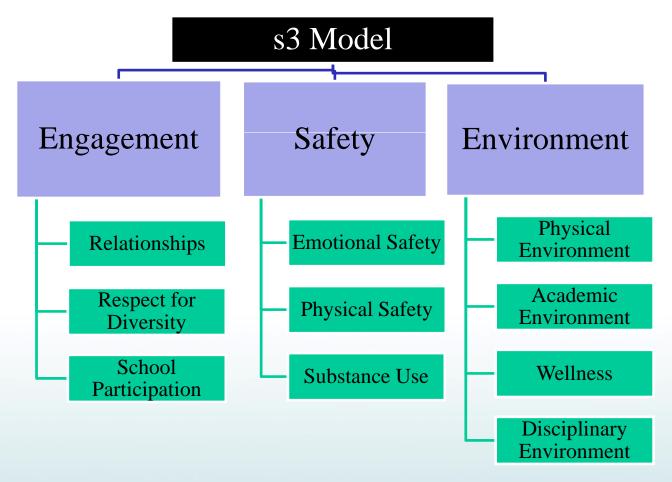
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In a Truly Safe School Every Student Feels Like...

- They Belong.
- They are Valued.
- They Feel Physically and Emotionally Safe.

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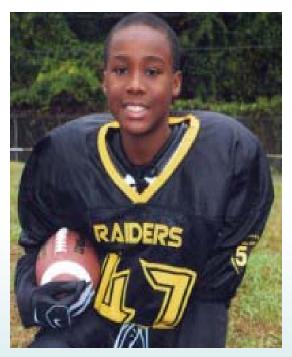
Safe and Supportive Schools (s3) Model



Draft s3 Model. Please do not circulate without consent from the Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools. Please contact Kristen Harper (kristen.harper@ed.gov) with questions or concerns.9

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Carl Joseph Walker Hoover



1998-2009

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Using Data to Enhance Connections, Capacity, and Outcomes

Zena Rudo

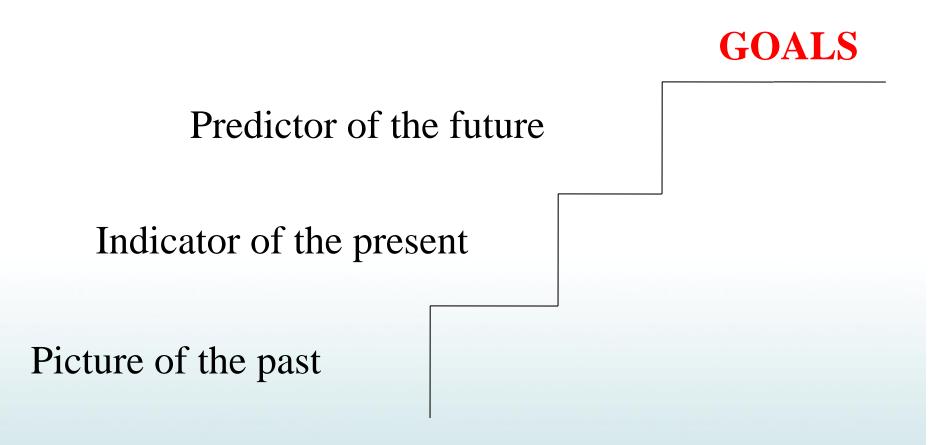
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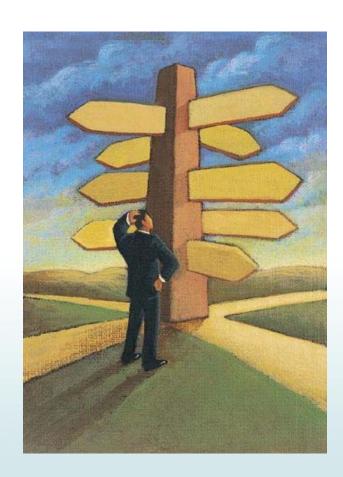
Data: Diagnostic and Prescriptive



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Important Data and Data System Features

- Accessible
- Understandable
- Actionable
- Valid and reliable
- Technologically advanced



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Designing Data Initiatives

- From institutional- to learner-centered
- Information flows across institutions
- Usefulness and usability drive adoption
- Common, yet open, systems
- Get the right data

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Strong Parent and School Connections Using ARIS Parent Link

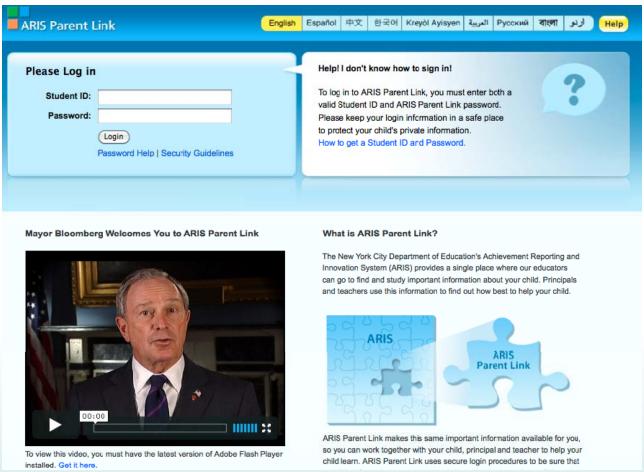
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ARIS Parent Link



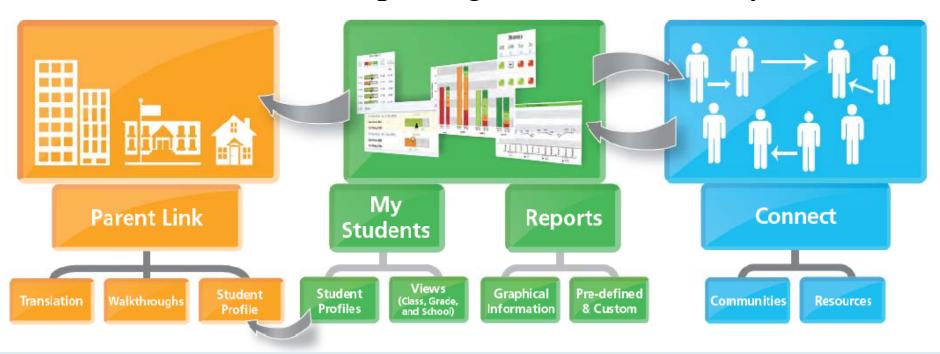
For more information, visit: www.arisparentlink.org

http://schools.nyc.gov/Accountability/resources/aris/default.htm

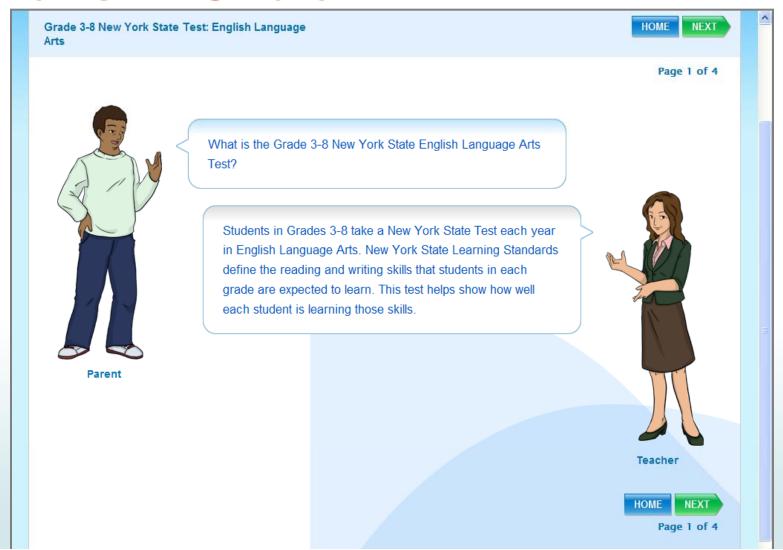
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What is ARIS?

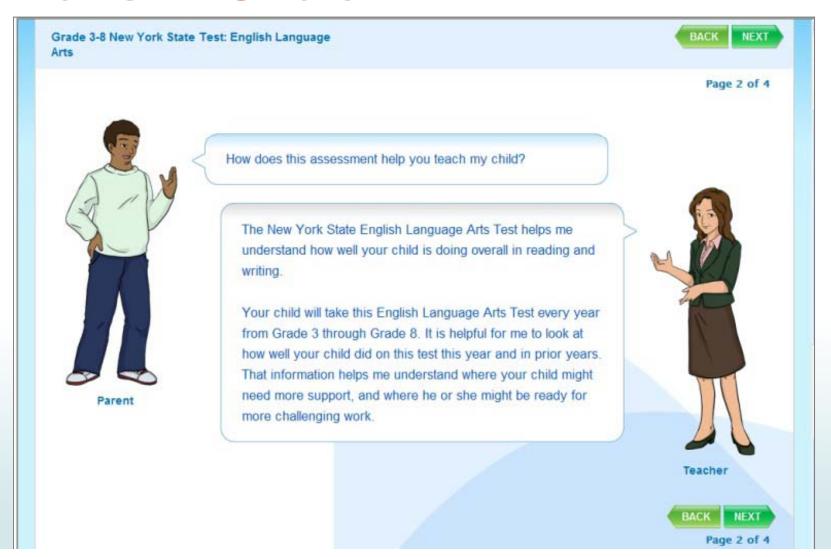
Achievement Reporting and Innovation System



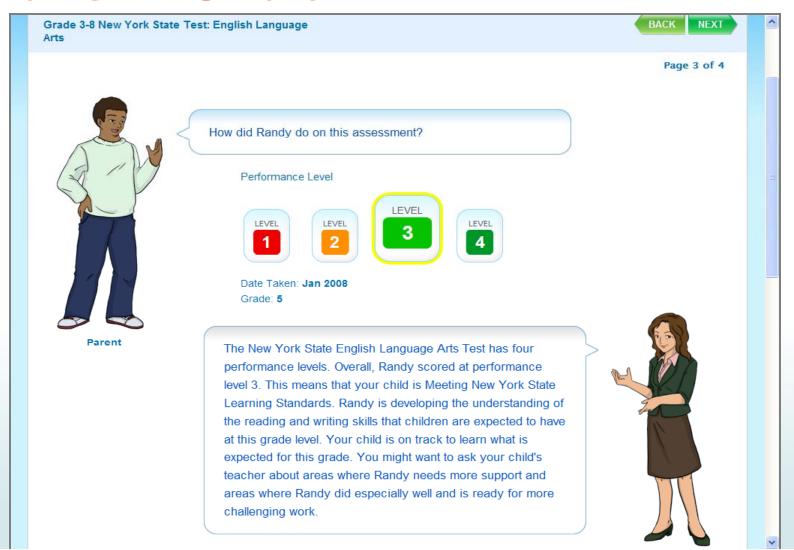
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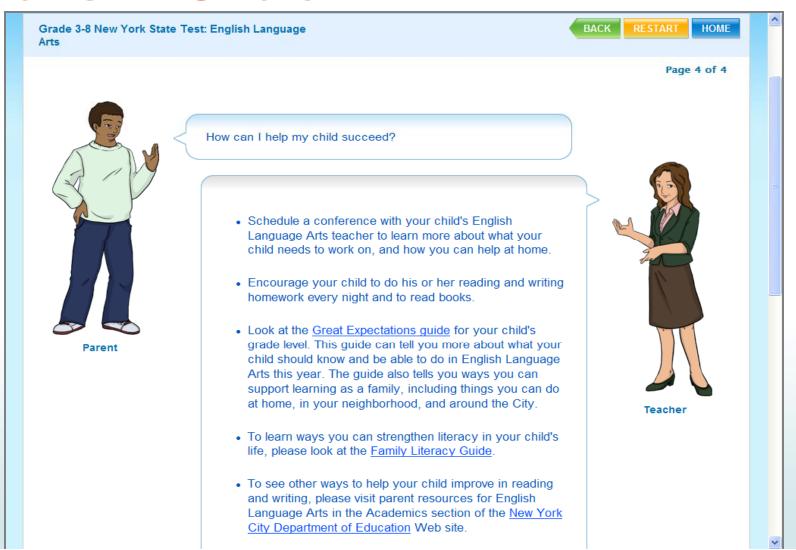
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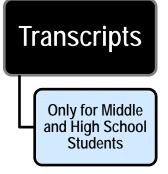
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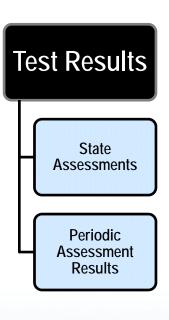


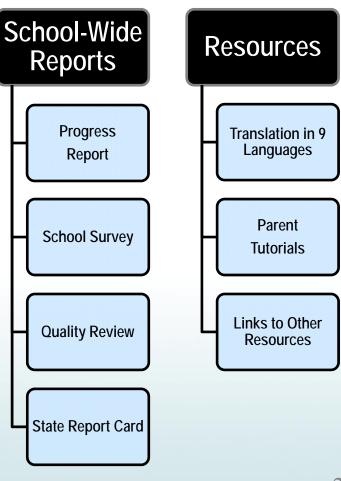
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What Does ARIS Parent Link Contain?

Attendance Records







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How Many Parents Are Using ARIS Parent Link?



- ARIS Parent Link launched May 2009
- More than 340,000 accounts have been accessed citywide
- Highest adoption in 2009–10 occurred during parent-teacher conferences

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ARIS Parent Link: Guiding Principles

The following principles have guided ARIS Parent Link work to prioritize resources, development, and outreach:

- Academic progress first
- If we have it, you have it.
- Your help is crucial in pioneering this new level of family participation in education.
- Empowered parents, partnering with informed educators, can improve student achievement.

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ARIS Parent Link: Outreach

Strategies

- Sent out personalized login materials for schools to distribute at launch
- Trained parents, schools, networks, and community-based organizations to support parents
- Tied outreach events to work in which parents were already invested

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ARIS Parent Link: Outreach

Strategies

- Coordinated with other DOE divisions
- Set up tables, computers, and staff at libraries, food pantries, parks department, and community-based organizations to work with parents directly

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ARIS Parent Link: Lessons Learned

- Communicate frequently with stakeholders to keep them engaged
- Include parents in the design process
- Principal buy-in is key to success
- Most successful schools have made ARIS Parent Link adoption a coordinated effort across grades and roles, tied into other initiatives at the school

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ARIS Parent Link: Challenges

- Ensuring parents have Internet access
- Helping parents get an e-mail address
- Providing richer data and support for parents online
- Raising awareness about ARIS Parent Link

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ARIS Parent Link: Key Improvements

- Enhancing support available to parents
- Adding local data for parents



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ARIS Parent Link: Looking Ahead

Key plans for next year:

- Sending new, personalized login materials before parent-teacher conferences
- Providing in-person and on-demand training to school, network, and community-based staff
- Providing technology grants to high-need schools that value parent involvement

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Using Data to Engage Parents and Students in College Readiness

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New Visions Mission and History

- Founded in 1989 to improve the quality of children's education in New York City's public schools.
- Partnered with 250 community organizations to create 99 new, small high schools across NYC through the New Century High Schools Initiative.
- Work with 76 public schools (mostly high schools) with approximately 36,000 students (majority low-income).
- Graduation rates average 20 percentage points higher than the citywide average in first two cohorts.

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Graduation to College Readiness

WHAT:

"Good to Go!" (G2G) is New Visions' college and career readiness campaign designed to get students on the path to college and career as early as ninth grade.



GOALS:

- 1. Raise to 80% the number of students graduating from high school who are ready to enter and succeed in college.
- 2. *Increase* college enrollment and success.

www.nycg2g.com

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Parents Essential to Reaching College Readiness

Goals

Setting Academic Expectations and Aspirations for post-secondary education

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT Monitoring Academic
Progress and keeping students
on the path to graduation and
post-secondary options

Advocating for Resources to support their child and the school in reaching college readiness goals

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Actionable Student Data Tool

9TH GRADE TRACKER

Allows parents and students to easily keep track of the Four Pillars of 9th Grade Success:

- ✓ Attendance
- √ Grades
- ✓ Credit accumulation
- ✓ State exams

9th Grade Tracker

Diaz, Karolina: Class of 2013

Mv Attendance



Semester	September	October	November	December	January
1	100%	95%	94%	94%	73%
Semester	February	March	April	May	June
2					
2					

My Grades

83.7 Goal: 80 or Higher Fall Semester Average

*See transcript for additional cours

1st Semester				
Course	Teacher	MP 1	MP 2	MP 3
E1H	Gordon	80	75	75
GWJD	Didomenico			Р
FS1	Roman	96	90	95
SL1H	Orlando	75	80	80
AAW1	Galante	92	95	97
PP1F	Spitalieri	75	70	65
HWAX	Goffredo	80	80	80
MG21A	Aziz	75	75	75
SL1L	Orlando			

Mv Credits

7.08 Goal: At least 5.5

Fall Semester Credits

1st Semester				
Course	Course Title	Grade	Credits	
HWAX	AP WORLD 1/4	80	1	
GWJD	OFFICE EXP	P	0.5	
FS1	SPANISH 1	95	1	
SL1H	LIV ENV HONORS	80	1	
E1H	ENG HUM HONORS	75	1	
MG21A	GEOMETRY ACCEL	75	1	
PP1F	PHYS ED	65	0.58	
AAW1	DRAWING	97	1	

My Regents at 65+

O Goal: At Least 1 by June

REGENT	SCORE
ELA	
US History	
Global Studies	

REGENT	SCORE
Integrated Algebra	
Science	
Foreign Language	

OSIS: 270177694

Data from 1.01, 1.14, RDES, 142 reports, 2/2010

People Advocating for Me Mv Team Parent Name/Signature Student Name/Signature Name/Signature Name/Signature

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Actionable Student Data Tool

COLLEGE READINESS TRACKER

Visual representation of a student's progress toward graduation and college readiness requirements presented in a clear, easy-to-understand way for both parents and students

College Readiness Tracker

AMINATA MARQUEZ

Sample School, Class of 2009

Required Credits Accumulated You have earned a total of 29.65 credits. You need 44 credits to graduate. This chart shows only required courses. See Credit Count and Course History on the reverse for details about total credits and electives taken.

Attendance

The attendance rate is the percentage of school days you attend class. Students who attend school every day have a 100% attendance rate. You should have at least a 92% attendance rate.

School Year	Days Present
2007-08	91%
2006-07	86%
2005-06	92%
2004-05	

Regents

To earn a Regents Diploma, you must score at least 65 on each of these Regents exams.

A score of 75 or higher on the ELA and Math exams

A score of 75 or higher on the ELA and Math exams indicates college readiness in those subjects.

Exam	Score
ELA	Not Taken
Math	56
Science	45
Global	70
US	Not Taken

Advanced Regents

To earn an Advanced Regents Diploma, you must score at least 65 on each of these Advanced Regents exams.

	Exam	Score
	2nd Science	Not Taken
	2nd Math	Not Taken
	Foreign Language	Not Taken

Key

	Regents	Credits	Attendance
Blue	75+ (ELA and Math)	N/A	N/A
Green	65+	On Track	92%+
Yellow	55-64	Almost On Track	90% - 91.9%
Red	Below 55	Off Track	Below 90%

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Using Data Tools to Keep Students on the Pathway to Graduation and College Readiness

STUDENT GOAL SETTING TEACHERS
and PARENTS
CO-CREATING
INTERVENTIONS

TEACHERS,
PARENTS,
and STUDENTS
MONITORING
PROGRESS
GOALS



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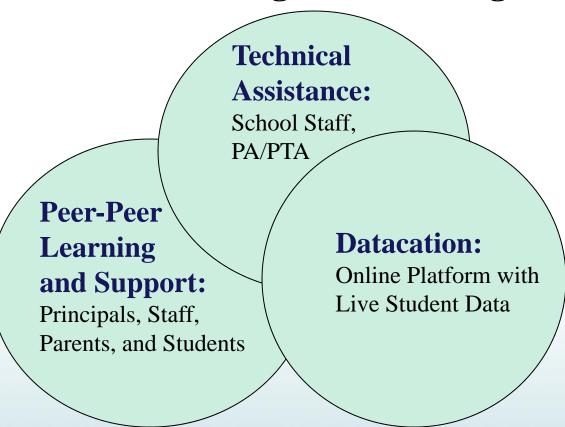
Key Elements For Success

- Data sharing as part of a systemic, focused, year-long plan for involving parents in efforts to improve student achievement
- The school principal, teachers, and other school staff ALL playing a role in helping students and parents understand and use the data tools
- Live student data that is easily and readily accessible to teachers, parents, and students

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9th and 10th Grade Parent Involvement

Embedding & Sustaining



Promising Practices

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Our Need to Share Data?

- Local district had 56% graduation rate
- High school graduation requirements were communicated to families ineffectively
- Parent accounts on the online parent portal, **Edline**, were not activated for:
 - > 72% parents Free and Reduced Lunch
 - > 74% parents Limited English Proficient

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Workshops to Assist Parents

- Invite 25–30 parents to a class
- Host classes in community locations and schools
- Work with school parent liaisons to invite families
- Explain attendance requirements
- Explain graduation requirements using PowerPoint
- Help parents understand and use Edline

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Explaining Attendance to Parents

A student must attend school 90% of the year.

- In *middle and high schools*, attendance is based on the class and the semester.
- For example: ABC High School has 89 days in a semester. A student cannot miss more than 9 days in EACH of his/her classes for the semester.

Examples of unexcused absences:

- Staying home to care for siblings
- Didn't feel like coming to school
- Transportation issues or sleeping in too late

Examples of excused absences:

- Family emergency
- Bereavement
- Legal and religious

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Explaining Grades and Credits to Parents

Passing Grades = "A, B, C or D" Failing = "F" = NO CREDITS

- 2 semesters per year (August to January and January to June)
- 1 class = $\frac{1}{2}$ credit
- For example: $6 \ classes \ a \ semester = 3 \ credits$; $1 \ year = 6 \ credits$
- A student taking and passing 6 classes each semester for 4 years would earn:

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1^{st} year -9^{th} - "Freshman" = 6 credits 2^{nd} year -10^{th} - "Sophomore" = 12 credits 3^{rd} year -11^{th} - "Junior" = 18 credits 4^{th} year -12^{th} - "Senior" = 24 credits
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Using Case Studies to Assist Parents

- Group 4–5 parents to work through a case study to solidify their knowledge.
- Once they are familiar with Edline, they work with their own child's data.

"Sandra" Sophomore High School – 2nd year – 10th grade



Proficiency Exam — Sandra has not taken her writing, science and language arts proficiency exams.



Attendance — Early in the school year, Sandra was absent for 9 days because her grandfather who lives in El Salvador passed away, and her family left for El Salvador. Her parents had a lot of family details to arrange and forgot to call the school. Sandra also has 2 absences for staying home because her father could not drive her to school. Sandra also has 6 unexcused absences that her parents did



Credits & Grades – Sandra is in the last semester of her Sophomore year (2rd year). Sandra could not get caught up in Math and has received an F, by the end of this year (2rd year) she has earned 11 credits.

Questions to discuss in your group:

- 1. Is Sandra on schedule to graduate from high school?
- 2. If not, why? List out the reasons why and be specific.
- 3. If you were Sandra's parents or family, what would you do to help Sandra get back on track to graduate?

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Helping Parents Understand and Use Edline

- **Describe Edline**Online parent monitoring tool that includes grades and attendance
- Make data meaningful
 Build parents' background knowledge about the system before they sit down at a computer
- Set up parents' online user name and password Ensure workshop facilitators are able to access parent codes
- Help parents interpret their own child's data

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How Parent and Community Organizations Can Help

Build Tools & Training

 Teach how to use the portal; include parents' perspectives. PIRCs and other parent and community organizations are expert resources.

Target Outreach

 Determine which families are NOT using the online tools. Use positive and proactive outreach.

Training to Educators

 Keep online data up-to-date; believe families have the capacity to use the tools.

Work with Relevant Community-based Organizations

 Distribute tools to families; increase outreach and provide families with Internet access.

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Future Plans

Washoe County School District (Reno, NV)

- Infinite Campus Parent Portal: Show parents child's grades, attendance, behavior, health information, and assessment data. Also include a graduation planner.
- K–12 and in 4 different languages
- Training Toolkit for Schools: Workshop materials, flip charts, video tutorials, kiosks, and marketing materials
- School Metrics Scorecards/Dashboards:
 Number of parents activated/utilizing paired with risk data from all schools

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Download Tools from Nevada's Parent School Partnership Program

- 1. Go to: http://www.nevadapirc.org/programs-initiatives/parentschoolpartnership
- 2. Click on the 'Basics of Secondary'
- 3. A zip file will appear
- 4. Materials for three classes are available in the zip file:
 - Getting to Know Your Child's School
 - High School Graduation Requirements
 - Monitoring Your Child's Progress

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Questions and Answers



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