



Graduating Students, One Community at a Time

Program Description:

Floyd County Schools has a high school retention program guided by instructional staff, school level and district administrators, and research based strategies. The "It's All About Success" initiative is one of the next steps in the district's evolving process to meet the needs of students and improve academic performance, school climate and student retention.

"It's All About Success" will employ three strategies to provide targeted interventions. The initiative will provide support and enrichment designed to improve academic performance by:

- 1 Providing opportunities during the summer break for all incoming freshmen students to engage in targeted math, science, and reading enrichment programs, as well as a remediation Jump-Start Orientation Program;
- 2 Providing students small group support in test-taking and study skills through an advisor/advisee program in each high school, and engaging all high school freshmen in the WhyTry curriculum over the course of the school year;
- 3 Expanding opportunities for students to engage in additional and flexible credit recovery opportunities, including adding evening courses, transportation assistance and the pilot of one or more high school evening credit recovery classes.



In this once thriving Appalachian county, over 43 percent of children live in poverty, and 75 percent of enrolled students qualify for the free and reduced lunch program. The school district is the county's largest employer. With high unemployment, the area has very few opportunities, which become even more limited for those who fail to earn a high school diploma.

"It's All About Success" will enable Floyd County Schools the opportunity to gather data and pilot services designed to increase academic achievement and dropout prevention. Funding of the project includes a significant amount of training enabling advisors to continue to implement the curriculum well beyond the two-year funding of the project.



Students:
2,000



Funding:
\$100,000

- The mission of Floyd County Schools is to educate all students to become proficient life-long learners and to build a better future, for every child, every day.
- Floyd County Schools has been a "district on the move" in the last few years according to federal and state tests. The district is home to the elementary school ranked #1 in Kentucky for student assessment scores.
- Floyd County Schools has taken some important steps to increase graduation rates and the college access/readiness skills of students in the district including implementing a comprehensive intervention model throughout the district, integrating an alternative program for high school students at risk of dropping out or failing, integrating math remediation courses into each high school program, and collaborating with local postsecondary institutions to offer dual credit and other college courses in each high school.
- In 2012 the district will launch a hybrid early college program that will allow students to gain both a high school diploma and Associates in Arts or Sciences.

"Our work with AT&T will help to broaden the work of the Renaissance Learning Center and provide enhanced academic support and enrichment activities for our high school students."

Dr. Henry Webb, Superintendent, Floyd County Schools