

Implementing high school academic interventions

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Early warning systems indicator: course performance

Course performance

Number of course failures and overall grade point average obviously correlate with a student's probability of graduating in four years. If a student fails a course, he or she will need to make up the credit outside the regularly scheduled school time to stay on track. Poor course performance can also indicate disengagement at the classroom level.



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Implementing academic interventions is a complex process



Students in need of academic interventions are identified and scheduled in a timely manner.



Valid and reliable assessments focusing on vocabulary and algebra are selected.



Data-driven curriculum using empirically proven practices is used.



Sufficient time has been scheduled to facilitate intervention.



A plan is developed to identify, hire, develop and retain the best possible interventionists.



A system of ongoing professional development is established.



A system of communication is established between all parties.



A healthy and safe learning environment is established.

A self-study guide for implementing high school academic interventions working document was developed by REL Southeast Improving Literacy research alliance members to help guide intervention development and implementation.