



When Every Student Matters Discussion Guide

When Every Student Matters: A K-12 Approach for Supporting Students and Promoting Graduation

Video Viewing and Note-taking Guide

Definition: The “Roy Cone” is an elementary, junior, and high school feeder system in Utah’s Weber School District that links academic and nonacademic student supports across the grade spans to improve student outcomes.

Notes about this K-12 collaborative approach:

Takeaways about the **“Royal Review and Reward”** extra instructional support:

Takeaways about how **Student Advocates** support students:

Takeaways about how **Home Visits** support students and families:

Discussion Guide

In the video, educators in the “Roy Cone” talk about “stringing together wins for kids” by providing students with the academic and nonacademic supports needed to succeed in school and beyond. This discussion guide is intended to help educators think about their students’ needs, and how they might respond to them.

- The video mentions several possible barriers to learning including trauma, the effects of poverty, and other difficult life circumstances. What specific barriers do students in **your** school or district confront?
- What are some of the school and community supports currently available to help **your** students improve behavior, attendance, academic, and/or graduation outcomes?
- What else is needed?
- How might one or more of the strategies from the video work—or work better—at **your** school or district?
- How might **your** school or district increase collaboration across the grade spans to support students (and families) both academically and nonacademically?
- What other information does **your** school or district need to better help students receive academic and nonacademic supports to overcome barriers to school success?