

NEEDS ASSESSMENT EVALUATION¹

STUDENTS

Below please find a series of questions designed to help your school district dropout prevention team make informed decisions for reducing the rate of school dropout that is occurring. Please answer each question as completely as possible. If you are unsure, please provide the best answer you can based on your level of knowledge. Using the following scale: (1) Strongly Disagree to (10) Strongly Agree indicate your level of agreement with the statement.

Section A: Demographics

Current Grade: _____ 1st – 3rd _____ 4th – 5th _____ 7th – 9th
 _____ 10th – 12th _____ Other

Section B: Participant's Perception of School Dropout Risk Factors

1. I know some students that often skip school.

Strongly
Disagree
(1)

Strongly
Agree
(10)

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2. I know some students that are often late to school.

Strongly
Disagree
(1)

Strongly
Agree
(10)

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¹ This tool is adapted from materials and surveys used by the Mississippi Department of Education, accessible at: http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/dropout_prevention/

3. I know some students that are thinking about dropping out of school.

Strongly
Disagree
(1)

Strongly
Agree
(10)

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4. I know several students at my school that hate school.

Strongly
Disagree
(1)

Strongly
Agree
(10)

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5. I think school is boring and not much use in the real world.

Strongly
Disagree
(1)

Strongly
Agree
(10)

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6. I have teachers that put students down in class.

Strongly
Disagree
(1)

Strongly
Agree
(10)

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7. I have or know students that have been bullied in school.

Strongly
Disagree
(1)

Strongly
Agree
(10)

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Section C: Identification of Dropout Risk Factors and Preventative Programs

Instructions

Left column – This column lists 24 risk factors that have been found to lead to school dropout. Rank the top ten risk factors you consider to be the most serious problems influencing dropout at your school. Assign priority using the numbers 1 through 10, with number “1” signifying the “most serious” risk factor and number “10” signifying the “least serious” risk factor.

Right column – This column includes a list of preventative programs that help curb school dropout. Indicate the programs your school has currently implemented by placing a checkmark next to those programs. Next to “Other,” you may include a current program not listed.

Risk Factors	#
Attendance	
Truancy	
Low grade scores	
Retention	
Discipline referrals	
Detention	
Suspensions	
Teen pregnancy	
Students working	
Family problems	
Low academic skills	
Poverty	
Lack of parental involvement	
Limited supervision	
Lack of concern by teachers	
Teasing or bullying at school	
Emotional problems	
Needing more academic assistance	
Limited extracurricular programs	
Limited social programs	
Poor relationships with school staff	
Lack of funds to help at risk students	
Poorly qualified teachers	
High mobility of students	

Preventative Programs	✓
Before School Program	
After school program	
Summer enrichment program	
Mentoring program	
School to work program	
Family involvement program	
Early reading and math intervention	
Early childhood education	
Technologies education	
Alternative education program	
Evening school	
Teen pregnancy program	
Tutoring program	
Service learning	
Strategic professional development	
Teacher mentoring program	
Open to diverse learning	
Provide individualized instruction	
RTI model for special needs	
Utilize community involvement	
Career education program	
School-wide behavior intervention	
Conflict resolution	
Social skills training	
Other_____	

Section D: Additional Information

Do you know any students that teachers or principals have helped stay in school?

Do you think the students in your school agree with your perceptions?

What do you think needs to happen to help students stay in school?

I enjoyed completing this survey and think that it will be useful for developing and implementing a school dropout prevention plan.

Strongly
Disagree
(1)

Strongly
Agree
(10)

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