

## NEEDS ASSESSMENT EVALUATION<sup>1</sup>

### PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS

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 Position:    \_\_\_Principal    \_\_\_Teacher    \_\_\_Ancillary    \_\_\_District Staff

Grade Level:        \_\_\_Elementary    \_\_\_Middle    \_\_\_High    \_\_\_Other

Years Experience:    \_\_\_1 – 3            \_\_\_4 – 6            \_\_\_10 – 12        \_\_\_15+

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

1. Absenteeism at my school is a major problem.

Strongly  
Disagree  
(1)

Strongly  
Agree  
(10)

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2. Truancy at my school is a major problem.

Strongly  
Disagree  
(1)

Strongly  
Agree  
(10)

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<sup>1</sup> 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/](http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/dropout_prevention/)

3. I know several students in my school that are at risk for dropping out of school.

Strongly  
Disagree  
(1)

Strongly  
Agree  
(10)

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4. I know several girls at my school that are or have been pregnant.

Strongly  
Disagree  
(1)

Strongly  
Agree  
(10)

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5. We have programs in place to respond to potential school dropout problems.

Strongly  
Disagree  
(1)

Strongly  
Agree  
(10)

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6. My administrators are aware of and concerned about students dropping out of 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	

## Section D: Additional Information

How successful has your school been at reducing school dropout?

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Do you think that the staff in your school generally agree with your perceptions?

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Please add any additional information or suggestions that you think might be helpful for your district leadership team as they consider establishing a district and school dropout prevention plan.

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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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