



## **District Goals To Increase Graduate Rates**

### **Assumption Parish Schools**

- ***Early Detection & Community Support Systems:*** Improve the effectiveness of DEWS.
- ***Truancy and Attendance:*** Reduce the truancy rate for unexcused absences to zero.
- ***Connecting Schools to the Future:*** Better prepare students for post-secondary options and career opportunities.
- ***Local Community Ideas & Objectives:*** Build public awareness and support for dropout prevention efforts.

### **Catahoula Parish School District**

- ***Early Detection & Community Support Systems:*** Improve the administration of the dropout early warning system.
- ***Truancy and Attendance:*** Maintain zero (0) unexcused absences.
- ***Connecting Schools to the Future:*** Better prepare students for College (Post-Secondary) and Career Readiness.
- ***Local Community Ideas & Community:*** Continuously communicate and promote dropout prevention efforts on a district-wide basis.

### **City of Baker School System**

- ***Early Detection & Community Support Systems:*** Increase the effectiveness of Early Warning.
- ***Truancy and Attendance:*** Ensure that 100% of students attend school all the time.
- ***Connecting Schools to the Future:*** Ensure that courses integrate technology and 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills at all grade levels.

- ***Local Community Ideas & Objectives:***
  - Increase collaboration with city and parish officials, community organizations, and local businesses to develop student support services.
  - Keep the graduation rate issue at the forefront of all district planning and “top of mind” in the Baker Community.

## **Iberville Parish Schools**

- ***Early Detection & Community Support Systems:*** Maintain and expand current school-to-work programs.
- ***Truancy and Attendance:*** Fully implement existing policies and amend district policy to allow and mandate make-up hours.
- ***Connecting Schools to the Future:*** Better prepare students for post-secondary options and career opportunities.
- ***Local Community Ideas & Objectives:*** Build public awareness and support for dropout prevention efforts.

## **Madison Parish Schools**

- ***Early Detection & Community Support Systems:***
  - Develop appropriate support and intervention strategies for Pre-GED/Options and overage students.
  - Develop appropriate support and intervention strategies for K-8 students who are at-risk of dropping out.
- ***Connecting Schools to the Future:*** Prepare students for post-secondary and career options.
- ***Local Community Ideas & Objectives:*** Build community trust in the Madison Parish School system.

## **Monroe City Schools**

- ***Early Detection & Community Support Systems:*** Develop procedures and guidelines to ensure that DEWS is administered efficiently and effectively.
- ***Truancy and Attendance:*** Achieve a 2% truancy rate and 98% attendance rate by 2014.
- ***Connecting Schools to the Future:*** Expose students to career and post-secondary options and prepare students to be college (two and four year options) and career ready.

## Morehouse Parish Schools

- ***Truancy and Attendance:*** Annually reduce the number of students listed on the DEWS Report/Students Statistical Report (SSR) by 25%.
- ***Connecting Schools to the Future:*** Starting at middle school, develop ways to better engage students in “relevant” learning opportunities.

## Red River Parish Schools

- ***Early Detection & Community Support Systems:*** Significantly improve the district’s early detection, support and intervention services for PreK-8 grade students.
- ***Truancy and Attendance:***
  - Improve efficiency and effectiveness of Family in Need of Services (FINS).
  - Develop written procedures of the truancy policy and communicate them system-wide and to parents.
- ***Connecting Schools to the Future:***
  - Develop and sustain a mentoring program.
  - Explore expanding Career & Technical Education courses.
  - Better inform teachers and parents about career and post-secondary options.
  - Better inform students about the impact of dropping out.
- ***Local Community Ideas & Objectives:***
  - Build community partnership and ownership of the school system.
  - Improve communication and public relations.
  - Improve parental engagement.

## St. Helena Parish

- ***Early Detection and Community Support Systems:***
  - Improve the administration of DEWS, including support services, for grades 9-12.
  - Ensure high quality teaching in every classroom.
  - Provide necessary and appropriate support and intervention in early learning to ensure proficiency at or above grade level.
- ***Truancy and Attendance:***
  - Improve effectiveness of the FINS program.
  - Improve the enforcement of truancy.
  - Develop a community support program to eliminate truancy.
- ***Connecting Schools to the Future:*** Develop support services for middle/high schools that help to build character and provide guidance on life skills.

- ***Local Community Ideas & Objectives:*** Build trust and positive relationships between parents, schools, and district leaders.

## **St. John the Baptist**

- ***Early Detection and Community Support Systems:***
  - Develop written Standard Operational Procedures for the Dropout Early Warning System (DEWS) and communicate them district-wide. Focus on the administration and execution of procedures.
  - Annually reduce the number of students listed on DEWS report.
    - Improve attendance by 25%
    - Improve discipline by 25%
    - Improve academic performance by 25%
  - Fully implement the Accelerated Pathway initiative (Success Academy).
  - Develop appropriate support and intervention strategies for PreK-8 students who are at-risk.
- ***Truancy and Attendance:***
  - Maintain continuous community-wide communication of the truancy policy.
  - Revamp the FINS Program to provide more pre-court intervention and support services.
- ***Connecting Schools to the Future:***
  - Fully implement Workkeys for all 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in two years.
  - Expand Industry-Based Certifications and Career & Technical Education courses in selected high demand occupations.
  - Increase awareness of postsecondary options at middle schools

## **Winn Parish**

- ***Early Detection and Community Support Goals***
  - Increase community awareness of the importance of all children in Winn Parish knowing how to read.
  - Improve support and intervention for 6-8 grade students who are at-risk of dropping out.
  - Explore the feasibility of a district-wide no-retention policy for grades K-3.
- ***Truancy and Attendance Goals***
  - In cooperation with judicial and law enforcement officials, reduce truancy and improve attendance by implementing alternative juvenile court enforcement measures.
  - Ensure stricter enforcement of the state compulsory attendance law.
  - Communicate the value of school attendance to parents at every opportunity available.

- ***Connecting Schools to the Future Goal***
  - Better inform students, parents, and the community about the value of education and about career and post-secondary opportunities.