

Teen Success Summit Youth Workshops  
Spoken Word/ Hip-Hop Workshop

**STEP 1 Brainstorm ideas**

<b>5 Reasons students drop out of school</b>	<b>How does this reason increase the dropout rate?</b>
Drug Use	Drug use causes skipping if the users are really hooked and they get out of school to go use their drug and may cause the school to withdraw them.
Gang Violence	Having fear to go to school and won't just go to school because of fear of getting beat up.
Lack of money for college	Some students drop out of school because they don't see themselves heading anywhere even if they are smart.
Lack of Parental Support	Parents might not be there to support their child and bring them to school
Bad Grades	Students bad grades bring them down emotionally and don't think that they can bring their grades back up.

**STEP 2 Name five recommendations you or your school or your community could do which would help solve some of the above problems and increase the graduation rate?**

<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>How would it increase the graduation rate?</b>
Programs to reduce Drug Use	Less drug use would keep more students in school and learning.
Programs to reduce Gang Violence	If there were gang violence reduction programs in school less students would be afraid to go to school.
Guidance on securing scholarship money for college	If there was help for students to get the scholarship money they need for college more students would stay in high school.
More parental support- programs to support parents	If there were more supports for parents they may be able to help their child go to school more.
More academic support/ counseling	If there was more support and mentoring students may would be able to get the help they need to bring their grades back up- keeping more of them in school.

**STEP 4 Put your recommendations into a creative format.**

Your co-facilitators will help you express one or more of your recommendations in one of the six following ways: On t-shirt or button, through a short video, in an improvisational theater skit, through a spoken word or hip-hop piece, through a mural, or through youth organizing.