

Teen Success Summit Youth Workshops
Parent Workshop Group Part I

Step One: Voice Ideas

Idea- What are some issues that parents are dealing with
Too few teachers show up for teacher-parent conferences
Conflicts with the district
Hard for parents at LBJ and Austin High to get recovery of credits. They were asked to speak with their student's counselor or the Dropout Prevention Specialist.
Teachers embarrassing/harassing/bullying students with no punishment on the teacher
Some teachers not teaching in a way that the students can understand
Teachers and counselors who have low expectations for students-its ok if they almost fail as long as they do not fail.

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?

Recommendations	How would it increase the graduation rate?
Parents encouraging their children to study Everyday	If you study everyday it will make you better able to pass your classes and graduate.
Parents encourage their children to come to school everyday/no skipping	If you come to school everyday students will not miss out on class work and will be more likely to pass classes and eventually graduate.
Parents encourage their children to take AP classes	Taking AP classes will make students better prepared for college coursework
Parents encourage their children to pay better attention in class	You will be ready to pass the TAKS if you pay attention in class. You cannot graduate unless you pass the TAKS.

Step 3 Answer the following questions about your recommendations.

- How does your recommendation build on positive things currently happening in the schools and/or community?
The way it helps sustain positive effects because a lot of kids dropout out at high rates.
- How can people from the neighborhood or school or school district help plan the project, get it started, and sustain it?
They can help by providing resources and coming up with a plan for the future.
- Will the project help the schools and community continue to find innovative ways to increase graduation rate?
Yes but only with god planning and follow through.