

Policies and Practices Related to Student Failure and Dropping Out: Tools and Resources

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Solutions
to the Dropout Crisis

Two Sides to the Story

- Challenges Children Bring to School
- What Schools Do to Contribute to Failure



Identifying Negative Policies and Practices

- Self Review Process
 - Teachers
 - Principals
 - Parents
 - Students
 - Service Agencies/Organizations



Self Review Tool

- Policies and Practices Related to Student Failure and Dropping Out
 - www.iaae.net (Under Alternative School Improvement)



Top Ten Student Concerns

- Teacher lecturing
- No adjustment to learning style
- Lack of interest in student attendance
- Lack of belonging
- Overwhelming homework



Top Ten Student Concerns

- Lack of rewards
- Lack of caring about student work
- Little individual help
- Overwhelming full schedule of classes
- Unfair punishment



Involving Children and Youth To Help

- Four Key Questions For Action Research
 - What do teachers do that makes a good day for you at school?
 - What happens in school that gives you the feeling you have accomplished something?
 - What happens in school that makes it a good day for you with classmates?
 - What happens in school that makes it a good day with friends?
 - www.iaae.net (Under Alternative school Improvement:At-risk Restructuring)



Basic Beliefs of Staff

- A Framework for Learning Alternative Environments in Iowa
 - www.iaae.net (Under Alternative School Improvement)



Program Improvement Self Review/Peer Review

- Quality Indicators
 - www.iaae.net (Under Alternative School Improvement)



Student Progress

- Student Learner Progress Flowchart
 - www.iaae.net (Under Alternative School Improvement)



The Role of School

- Staff X-Ray
 - Is your role informing or transforming?
 - Is your mind-set that all students are teachable?
 - Does the mind-set of your students match yours?
 - www.garyphillips.com (National School Improvement Project)

