

## Short version Promising Practice

### Toppenish School District

**Event:** Graduation Specialist

**Target:** High School

**Purpose:** Make contact with high risk students who have failed one or more course throughout their high school career. Make continuous communication with the student, their parent and any adult that is directly involved in their education.

**Activity:**

- Counsel students and parent regarding educational issues.
- Counsel individuals to help them understand and overcome personal, social or behavioral problems effecting their educational or vocational situation.
- Maintain accurate and complete student records by district policies and administration regulations
- Provide crisis intervention to students when difficult situations occur at school

**Results:** The graduation specialist has helped with parent contacts, parent meetings, graduation rate has improved, dropout rate decreased, and help identify those kids who are at a high risk of failing or credit deficient. Several high schools at risk students are now back on track to graduate.

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