

Teen Success Summit Youth Workshops  
Video Production Workshop-Room 108

**Step One: Voice Ideas**

<b>Idea- What are five reasons the group feels causes students to drop out?</b>	<b>What young people in our group want out of school?</b>
<p><b>Academic Issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ School is a waste of time- boring (2)</li> <li>▪ Half of what we learn we cannot use in life.</li> <li>▪ School starts too early</li> <li>▪ School work does not apply to future career options</li> <li>▪ No breaks no physical activities</li> </ul>	<p><b>What we want in Academics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ We want useful information for our lives in school- how to get a job, how to pay the bills, how to get your own place, your own car, how to stay out of jail- etc.</li> <li>▪ More interesting/exciting classes</li> <li>▪ Education the relates to future career goals</li> <li>▪ School that starts latter in the morning</li> </ul>
<p><b>Discipline and Safety Issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Too many campus rules</li> </ul>	<p><b>What we want for discipline and safety</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Student voice in campus rules</li> </ul>
<p><b>Lack of Respect between students and adults on campus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Teachers do not show respect</li> </ul>	<p><b>What we want- respect that goes both ways</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Two-way respect between teachers and students</li> </ul>
<p><b>Personal Issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Other ways to get money besides education</li> <li>▪ Students are tired</li> <li>▪ Teen pregnancy</li> </ul>	<p><b>What we want- support for our lives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ability to earn money we need for our lives through school- for example through internships.</li> <li>▪ Schools need to work with teen parents to figure out how education can fit into their busy schedule raising a child.</li> </ul>

**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>
More class choices	Getting people interested in different things, helping classes apply to career interests.
More internships- (work-study) opportunities	
Early Release-Half days-	Allow for people to have a life outside of school, support their families if they need to.
Teachers teach in students individual learning styles	Helps build student/teacher relationships. Students feel more interested in school.
Student input in deciding the campus rules/Allowing more freedom.	Students would be more likely to come to school because they would be more interested and feel welcomer. Making people feel they are not confined to a prison in school.

Cell phones/ electronics allowed during passing periods in the hallways	
Teachers being more respectful	Making people realize teacher's care and let them go to school feeling respected and on the same level as teachers not lower.
Make classes/learning more exciting	Getting people excited about learning in a new and innovative way.

**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?  
Schools are currently trying to prevent dropouts. Schools re also trying to offer more courses that would be more interesting to different individuals.
- How can people from the neighborhood or school or school district help plan the project, get it started, and sustain it?  
People from the neighborhood or school can help out together events to inform people with facts and try to help them be more interested in school and what it has to offer. I can be sustained by forming groups. Maybe support groups to help people when school seems to be getting extra difficult.
- Will the project help the schools and community continue to find innovative ways to increase graduation rate?  
We hope the video will help the community and school as much as possible, it seems to be an interesting way to get a message across.

**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.

Video topic was: Half of what we learn we do not use. Activity on learning style was done in small groups. Students split up into same groups to come up with ideas on the short film.