Re-Engagement Options to Ensure Equitable Access to Graduation

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Foundations of a Solid Re-Engagement Program

While in-person education will always be the goal, we must ensure all students are accounted for and on track to graduation.

HOW?

- By providing traditional and equitable alternatives for students
  - In-person schooling
  - Remote/virtual learning

- Academic coaching and support

WHY?

- To ensure all students are accounted for and on track to graduation, despite academic, social-emotional, or logistical barriers

WHEN?

- As early as possible to ensure no student slips through the cracks

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Reconnect with students and identify barriers to re-engagement through a multi-channel outreach strategy
- Many districts have allocated resources to re-engaging students, but it is often slow going. What do you do when the need outweighs your district's resources?

  - Evergreen Public Schools (WA) dedicated staff to tracking down disengaged students, but they didn't have the personnel necessary to make the program effective. By partnering with re-engagement experts, they re-engaged and graduated more than 80 students who had previously been disengaged.

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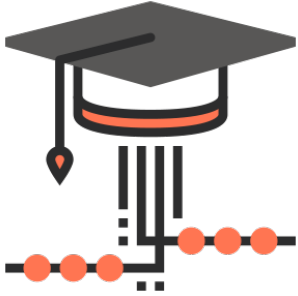**Remove academic, social-emotional, and logistical barriers to engagement**

Provide equitable alternatives, such as remote learning, to students who cannot attend traditional school

Offer regular, consistent support to keep students on track to graduation
- Monitor academic pace and progress
- Provide social-emotional support through assessments and interventions
- Help with college planning, career discovery, and certificates and credentials

Listen First, Then Act

In partnership with Graduation Alliance, Willamette Career Academy Principal Johnie Ferro ran dropout recovery and prevention programs at her previous school, resulting in:

- Equitable pathways back to traditional school
- Situationally accommodating alternatives

Ferro plans to continue to partner with Graduation Alliance to increase opportunity and access to regional career and technical education programs for her students.

Evergreen Public Schools

The Challenge

The district's re-engagement efforts were not scalable or effective with its internal staffing and resources.

The Solution

The district partnered with Graduation Alliance to have a team of dedicated re-engagement experts tracking down students who had left or been pushed out of school.

Outcomes

The Results

83

83 Evergreen Public Schools students re-engaged and graduated in 2019 and 2020.

100+

More than 100 students are currently enrolled in the Evergreen Graduation Alliance program.

83%-93%

The district increased its graduation rate from 83% to 93% in just five years and hopes to reach a 100% graduation rate by providing options for every student.

By partnering with Graduation Alliance, Evergreen Public Schools offered an additional layer of support to its students and further strengthened its safety net.

Key Takeaways

❑ **There is no way to accurately predict the long-term effects of extended school closures and modality changes.**

❑ **So far, being prepared with scalable, customizable options has been the best strategy for being proactive in supporting your students.**

❑ **Partnering with an outside organization that can provide education solutions as needed, when needed, tightens the safety net for students.**

About Graduation Alliance

Graduation Alliance has been providing **versatile pathways to high school graduation** since 2007, including:

- Dropout recovery
- Dropout prevention
- Credit recovery/original credit
- Course acceleration
- Attendance recovery

About Graduation Alliance

600+

We have partnered with **more than 600** ...

- State agencies
- School districts
- Community colleges
- Workforce boards

… to **recruit, re-enroll, educate, and mentor** students.

90,000+   Alternative Education Students

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