

School

Success

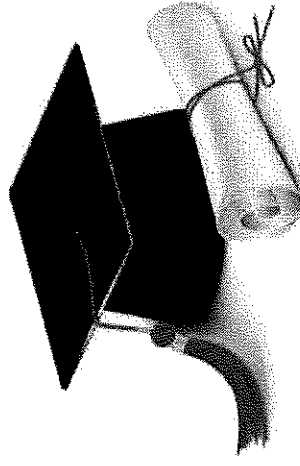
"I went through so many things at the end of sophomore year and the beginning of junior year. I just fell apart. I stopped coming to school. I stopped my connection with all of my friends and family and I just isolated myself. . . . Ms. Kay, my mentor with Check & Connect, was there from the beginning to the end. She really supported me. . . . She let me know I was bright and that I could do it and that I could make it. And she always said, "Kelly, keep your chin up." That's why I pulled myself together and came back to school."

Kelly (Student)

Minneapolis Public Schools

Check & Connect Model

Increasing student engagement and persistence in school



DEMONSTRATED OUTCOMES

INCREASES in students':

Attendance

Persistence in School

Credit Accrual

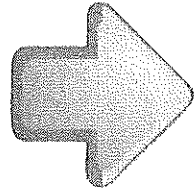
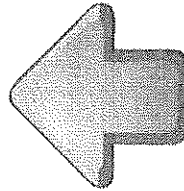
School Completion Rates

DECREASES in students':

Truancy

Tardies

Behavior Referrals



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According to the

What Works Clearinghouse, Check & Connect is the only dropout prevention intervention found to have positive effects on staying in school.

Check & Connect is a model of sustained intervention for promoting students' engagement at school and with learning. Demonstrated outcomes of Check & Connect include: increased attendance, persistence in school, accrual of credits, and school completion rates; and decreased truancy, tardiness, behavioral referrals, and dropout rates.

Check & Connect is data-driven and grounded in research on resiliency and home-school collaboration. Student referral criteria include alterable warning signs of school withdrawal—primarily attendance indices (absences, tardiness, skipping class)—in the context of academic performance and emotional or **behavioral problems**.

Check & Connect is implemented by a person referred to as a **mentor** — a **cross between a mentor, an advocate, and a service coordinator** whose primary goal is to keep education a salient issue for disengaged students and their families.

Check & Connect is structured to maximize personal contact and opportunities to build trusting relationships. Student levels of engagement (as reflected in their attendance, grades, and behavior) are “checked” regularly by mentors and used to guide their efforts to increase and maintain students’ “connection” with school.

Who can make a referral?

Teachers, school counselors, or any other child serving agency.

What is required to begin services?

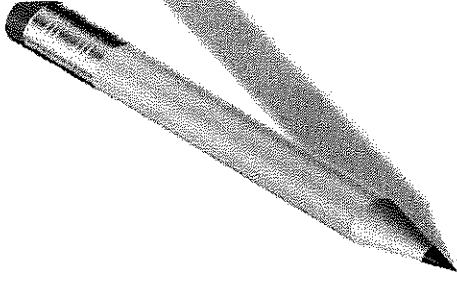
- A completed referral
- Signed parent permission form
- Must attend a school in Fulton County, PA.

How much does it cost?

There is no fee for students to participate.

Who is eligible?

Any struggling K-12 student in Fulton County is eligible for the School Success Program.



For more information

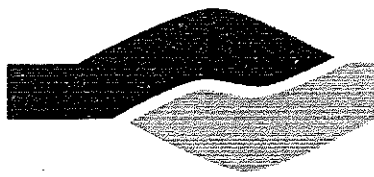
or to make a referral contact:



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1. **A MENTOR** who works with students and families for a minimum of two years.
2. **CHECK**— regular checks, utilizing data schools already collect on students' school adjustment, behavior, and educational progress;
3. **CONNECT**— timely interventions, driven by data, to reestablish and maintain students' connection to school and learning and to enhance students' social and academic competencies; and
4. **ENGAGEMENT WITH FAMILIES**— mentors engage with parents and strive to foster their active participation in their child's education.



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SCHOOL SUCCESS PROGRAM—Check & Connect Model Participation Form & Parent Permission

_____ Student's Name _____ Grade _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number (Home) _____

Phone Number (Cell) _____

Email Address _____

Student's Cell Number _____

Student's Email Address _____

I authorize _____ School to share information with designated representatives of the School Success Check & Connect Program in order to gain information and understanding, as well as to assist my child in reaching his/her potential. I understand that the goal of this program is to work cooperatively with students, parents, and the school to improve student engagement and increase academic success. Program coordinators will meet with the students at the school. Since the coordinators of the School Success Check & Connect Program are employed by the Fulton County Family Partnership, Inc. and not the school, your permission is required. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Jamie Taylor at 717-458-6767, ext. 252 for additional information. I understand that all information will be held in confidence.

_____ Print Parent Name

_____ Parent Signature

_____ Date

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