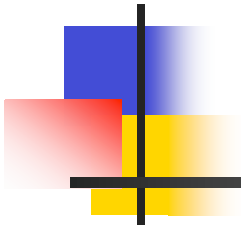


Preparing Rural Students for Post-Secondary Education



EXPECTATION
EXPOSURE
EXPERIENCE



Expectation

- Grade 7
 - Explore tests
 - Interest Inventories
 - Collegeincolorado.org registration
 - Career Explorer
 - Speakers
 - Community dynamics
 - Build awareness
 - Career Fair



Expectation

- Grade 8
 - Learning style information
 - Index scores/GPA and Explore results
 - Continue with Collegeincolorado.org
 - Register for Early Achievers Scholarships
 - Post-secondary awareness
 - All will go to “college”
 - HEAR requirements
 - Accelerated students in high school credited classes
 - Plan high school classes
 - Balance of core/electives for success
 - No tracking/few elective choices



Exposure

- Grade 9
 - Final class schedule based on junior high success
 - Plan Test given in the fall
 - Meet after first semester
 - GPA/PLAN test scores
 - Index scores
 - Adjust class schedule
 - Invite alumni with a message



Exposure

- Grade 10
 - Teachers using pod-casts/gabcasts
 - Some work submitted on-line
 - Makeup work available on-line
 - English research preparation
 - Biology rigorous laboratory format
 - ACT test in spring
 - Promotion to junior year based on credits



Exposure/Experience

- Grade 11
 - Use spring ACT to plan class schedule
 - Written policies for GPA/Valedictorian
 - Use ASVAB for career match
 - Prepare for ACT test
 - Offer “Options after High School”
 - Take college classes/HEAR requirements
 - Have college representatives speak
 - Visit local colleges



Experience

- Senior Seminar required in the fall
- Senior Conferences for parents and seniors
- FAFSA inservice
- Visit state colleges of interest
 - Encourage extra-curricular activities at the college level
 - Talk to coaches and band directors
 - Family away from home
- Everyone apply in the fall
 - Require three applications
- Personality match
 - Job interests
 - College opportunities vs. learning style
- Job Shadowing
 - Put students in the field in areas of interest
 - Job outlook information



Success

- Students returning for the holidays are happy with their choices
- All are returning for semester II
- Finding that they are well prepared for academics
- Particularly strong in research skills
- Successfully navigating the financial aid process
 - Generous community for scholarships
 - Try to get something for everyone
 - Has been successful



Success

- Class of 2007
 - 86% were enrolled in higher ed
 - 22% needed remediation
 - 11% of those were Special Ed students
- Class of 2008
 - 85% were enrolled in higher ed
 - 25% needed remediation
 - 30% of those Special Ed students
- Class of 2009
 - 67% enrolled in higher ed
 - 19% needed remediation



Questions?

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