

LINKS Goals

- Provide a consistent adult to connect with student in the school
- Assist all students to identify and address their academic, career and personal/social needs
- Provide a positive and safe school climate
- Help each student feel connected to the school community
- Develop a team of adults who encourage each student to progress and success
- Provide consistent standards for providing career and personal/social development content standards for every student

LINKS Will Help Your Child

- Be more satisfied with the high school experience
- Improve attendance at school
- Have fewer behavior problems at school
- Increase achievement (measured by grades and test scores)
- Stay in school and graduate
- Make good career decisions
- Get along better with others
- Understand options for what to do after graduation
- Become better prepared to enter the work force
- Become better prepared to enter training or college programs

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION 2009-2010

Priscilla M. Haden, President
Jenny N. Phillips, Vice President
Robert W. Dunlevy, Secretary

Delores W. Cook, Member
Barbara N. Fish, Member
Burma Hatfield, Member
Lowell E. Johnson, Member
L. Wade Linger Jr., Member
Gayle C. Manchin, Member

Brian E. Noland, Ex Officio
Chancellor
West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission

James L. Skidmore, Ex Officio
Chancellor
West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education

Steven L. Paine, Ex Officio
State Superintendent of Schools
West Virginia Department of Education

Learning, Individualized Needs, Knowledge and Skills

For more information go to:

<http://wvde.state.wv.us/counselors/links/>

Downloadable lesson plans and resources are available online to help you create a successful advising program.

Your student's LINKS advisor is:

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

I am your child's "go to" person in our school.
Please contact me with any concerns or questions.

For more information contact:

Barbara Brady Ashcraft
School Counseling Coordinator
WV Department of Education
Building 6, Room 221
1900 Kanawha Blvd. East
Charleston, WV 25305-0330
Phone: 304-558-2348
Fax: 304-558-3946
bashcraft@access.k12.wv.us

West Virginia LINKS

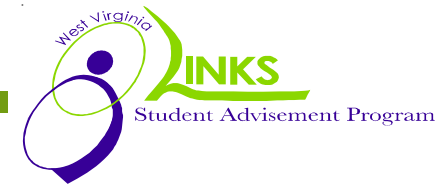
Student Advisement System Parent Information



Learning, Individualized Needs, Knowledge and Skills



The LINKS Student Advisement System



West Virginia LINKS is a student advising system for high school students. Your student will receive school, career and personal advising through LINKS.

LINKS is not a separate program, but instead a system's change that brings students, school staff, parents, the community, businesses and other organizations together to improve each student's educational experience by connecting rigor, relevance, relationships and results.

LINKS provides each student with an adult advisor who takes an interest in the student's successful learning and an interest in the student's successful learning goal setting, career planning and personal growth.

LINKS is a way to meet many parts of West Virginia's Global 21 Learning initiative, especially life skills. These life skills include leadership, teamwork, ethics, accountability, adaptability, personal productivity, personal responsibility, people skills, self-direction and social responsibility.



Expected Outcomes of the LINKS

- Greater student satisfaction with the high school experience
- Improved school attendance
- Fewer behavior problems
- Improved achievement (measured by grades and test scores)
- Lower drop-out rate
- Higher graduation rate
- More informed career decision-making
- Better interpersonal skills
- More informed about the many post-secondary opportunities
- Better prepared to enter the workforce
- Better prepared to enter relevant and appropriate post secondary institutions
- More students completing post secondary education programs

Learning, Individualized Needs, Knowledge and Skills

Learning, Individualized Needs, Knowledge and Skills is designed to assist educators in helping each student acquire the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in our 21st century schools and the global workplace.



Why do our students need LINKS?

In West Virginia . . .

- At least 8,000 students drop out of high school each year in West Virginia
- Only 72 of every 100 ninth graders in West Virginia earn a high school diploma
- Only 16 of these graduates earn a four-year degree within six years of graduation
- 55 percent of West Virginia students are considered at-risk due to poverty
- West Virginia employers report that West Virginia graduates do not have adequate workplace readiness skills