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LINKS Goals

- Provide a consistent advocate for each student in the school
- Assist all students in identifying and addressing their unique academic, career and personal/ social needs
- Address specific school needs to promote a positive and safe school climate
- Help each student build a sense of connection to school and community
- Develop a collaboration of stakeholders who encourage each student to progress and succeed
- Provide an organized structure for consistent delivery of critical academic, career and personal/ social development content standards for every student

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.

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West Virginia LINKS

Student Advisement Program: Staff Information



Learning, Individualized Needs, Knowledge and Skills



The LINKS Student Advisement System



LINKS provides a structure for delivering specific academic, career and personal/social content standards.

LINKS is not a separate program, but a system change that brings students, school staff, parents, the community, businesses and other organizations together to enhance 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, goal setting, career planning and personal growth.

LINKS is a way to meet any of the elements of West Virginia's Global 21 Learning initiative, particularly 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 about the many available post-secondary opportunities
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- Better prepared to enter the work force
- Better prepared to enter relevant and appropriate post secondary institutions
- More students completing post secondary education programs

Learning, Individualized Needs, Knowledge and Skills

Designed to assist educators to help individual students acquire knowledge and skills needed to succeed in our 21st century schools and the global workplace



Why do our students need LINKS?

- 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
- Better information about post-secondary opportunities is paramount
- West Virginia employers report that West Virginia graduates do not have adequate workplace readiness skills