

<b>TOPIC</b>
<p><b>Introduction to West Virginia GRADUATION 20/20</b></p> <p><b>A Systematic Approach to Dropout and Graduation</b>            Part one provides a context for improving dropout rates among youth with disabilities, discusses 7 reasons that situates dropout as a critical national concern and identifies challenges that we face in efforts to build state and local capacity to improve school completion.</p>
<p><b>Research on School Dropout and Prevention</b>            Part two provides insight and understanding about school dropout among students with disabilities. Secondly, provides participants with reliable, actionable information on effective strategies and interventions capable of increasing student engagement and school completion.</p>
<p><b>Using School-Level Data to Identify School Completion Needs</b>            This session focuses on why we use data in decision making; issues that impact the process; NDPC-SD's Dropout Prevention Intervention Framework and understanding and working with your school's data.</p>
<p><b>Strategies for Improving Attendance</b>            Part one provides reasons why we should focus on attendance and strategies to improve attendance rates.</p>
<p><b>Strategies for Increasing Pro-Social Behaviors</b>            This session explores influence of behavior/school discipline on school dropout and provides some strategies to begin to address improving pro-social behaviors in school settings.</p>
<p><b>Strategies for Improving Academic Success</b>            Part two focuses on strategies such as academic engagement, high rates of academic learning time and instructional quality and delivery.</p>
<p><b>Strategies for Improving School Climate</b>            Part two provides the following: a definition of school climate and why school climate is important in dropout prevention; definitions and discussions of the 12 dimensions of school climate; individual and team based strategies for improving school climate and additional resources to enhance knowledge about and measurement of school climate.</p>
<p><b>Strategies for Increasing Student Engagement and Schools' Holding Power</b>            Part one defines and discusses student engagement and the impact of psychological engagement on increasing school completion; identifies and discusses key elements of psychological engagement and provides evidence-based strategies and activities that support psychological engagement.</p>
<p><b>Strategies for Improving Family Engagement</b>            This session discusses the importance of home school partnerships identifies common characteristics of effective partnerships and provides practical strategies to develop and increase effective home school partnerships.</p>