

Baldwyn School District



Dropout Prevention-Restructuring Plan **2024-2025**

“Preparing Students to Lead the Way!”

Raymond Craven, Superintendent

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Baldwyn School District will reduce the retention rates in grades Kindergarten, first and second in the following ways:

- ☐ Ensure that early literacy instruction is aligned to Mississippi's academic standards
- ☐ Ensure programs and practices are based on best practices
- ☐ Early interventions for struggling readers
- ☐ 4 year-old Head Start classroom housed at Baldwyn Elementary School
- ☐ Provide resources and training for Head Start and other local childcare learning centers
- ☐ Supplemental resources will be used to create, compare, and analyze test data
- ☐ Remediation provided by retired teachers in subject area content
- ☐ School Status Reports
- ☐ Provide ongoing professional development tied to the needs of the students

Baldwyn School District will target subgroups that need additional assistance to meet graduation requirements in the following ways:

- ☐ Implement programs and practices that meet the individual education needs of students
- ☐ Compare and analyze test data through online resources
- ☐ In-school Tutorial teacher will monitor attendance, grades, behavior, etc. through School Status and serve as a liaison between home and school
- ☐ Remediation provided by retired teachers in subject area content
- ☐ MAAP data will be used to identify deficit areas

Baldwyn School District will develop dropout recovery initiatives for students age 17-21 who dropped out of school in the following ways:

- ☐ Reach out and refer students to the Mississippi Works job resources
- ☐ Work with local community college to host a Career & Technical Fair
- ☐ Referrals to Gateway Youth Program at Northeast Mississippi Community College
- ☐ Make referrals to different agencies and organizations as needed

Baldwyn School District will address how students will transition to the home school district from the juvenile detention centers in the following ways:

- ☐ Develop school-based programs and initiatives that promote positive behavior and student success
- ☐ In-school tutorial teacher will monitor attendance, grades, behavior, etc. and serve as a liaison between home and school
- ☐ In-school tutoring will be provided by retired teachers
- ☐ School counselors and/or mental health therapists will work with them to develop a plan to promote academic success, decrease inappropriate behavior, set realistic goals, etc.

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On behalf of, [Baldwyn School District](#), I hereby submit the Dropout Prevention/Restructuring Plan to provide goals, activities, and services necessary to meet the overarching goals of the state dropout prevention plan:

- Reducing the retention rates in grades kindergarten, first and second.
- Targeting subgroups that need additional assistance to meet graduation requirements.
- Developing dropout recovery initiatives that focus on students ages seventeen (17) through twenty-one (21), who dropped out of school (i.e., Mississippi Works).
- Addressing how students will transition to the home school district from the juvenile detention centers.

I hereby certify that our school district will evaluate our district dropout prevention plan on an annual basis to determine appropriate changes needed for future school years.

I hereby certify that our District School Board has reviewed and approved this plan for submission to the Mississippi Department of Education.

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District Superintendent (Typed Name and Signature)

Date

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School Board Chair (Typed Name and Signature)

Date

Data Sources

Title/Description: Alternatives to Grade Retention
Origin: National Association of School Psychologists
Date: 2005
URL: <https://www.nasponline.org>

Title/Description: Catch Them Before They Fall: Identification and Assessment to Prevent Reading Failure in Young Children
Origin: Reading Rockets
Date: 2022
URL: <https://www.readingrockets.org/topics/intervention-and-prevention>

Title/Description: Identifying Student Subgroups as a Function of School Level Attributes
Origin: National Institutes of Health
Date: 2021
URL: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7952435/>

Title/Description: Four Ways to Support Justice-Involved Youth During School Reintegration
Origin: Psych Learning Curve
Date: 2019
URL: <https://psychlearningcurve.org/four-ways-to-support-justice-involved-youth-during-school-reintegration/>