

Education

Increasing Student Success Roles

Focus Area Strategy

The Problem:

There are discrepancies in student outcomes across the public education sector. Data from recent years has shown student outcomes at the majority of schools nationwide have yet to return to pre-COVID-19 levels.

The Solution:

Support the efforts of organizations that provide direct services that increase student success by prioritizing high-impact tutoring and mentoring, particularly for students who need it most.

Summary:

A robust evidence base shows that high-impact tutoring and mentoring lead to improved performance in multiple areas important to students' success, such as academic learning, engagement levels, and attendance. Along with these traditional measurements and goals, high-impact tutoring and mentoring can also have the added impact of encouraging social-emotional learning, which can be a way to address issues of equity, including those worsened by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Strategy and Approach

Build

a grant program and portfolio centered around supporting proven methods of increasing student success.

Provide

direct support for lead organizations that prioritize student success, including the Partnership for Student Success.

Identify

and fund proven high-impact tutoring and/or mentoring programs that contribute to student success through direct services.

Contribute

to already-existing and newly established coalitions created for student success by supporting key partners.

Monitor

outcomes related to student success, i.e., academics, social-emotional learning, and student engagement.

Outcome and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

- Quantitative evidence regarding student outcomes in traditional measurements, such as improved academic performance or decreased absenteeism.
- Qualitative evidence regarding student outcomes in developing key skills, such as resilience, goal-setting/reaching, and positive problem-solving.
- Continued positive outcomes within the coalition built by the Partnership for Student Success.
- Increased, sustainable support for student success programs, especially in disadvantaged communities.