

Advisory Programs: Strengthening Connections to Ensure Student Academic Success

Advisory Programs are a practical, real-world path for secondary schools and districts to create a personalized learning community that supports student academic success.

Advisory Programs are based on the understanding that students who feel connected to their school community and believe that teachers and administrators have a stake in their learning are more likely to demonstrate personal growth and academic achievement. Studies have shown that students who are not engaged and do not have these strong relationships are more likely to suffer from discipline problems, low attendance, and higher dropout rates.

A well-designed Advisory Program will enhance your site's ability to help students find ways to be successful academically and socially. This workshop will provide you with skills and strategies for creating a strong sense of community and fostering student motivation and engagement.

Expected Learning Outcomes

This workshop is designed for schools and districts looking to create and implement an Advisory Program and/or explore new strategies for student engagement at their site. Stakeholders from all secondary grade levels and content areas are encouraged to attend.

During this workshop, you will:

- *Understand the purposes and needs for an Advisory Program.*
- *Identify current resources and structures at your site that will support an Advisory Program.*
- *Explore and practice curriculum and other student-teacher lessons to use during Advisory classes.*
- *Focus on the Five Dimensions of an Advisory Program, including Assessment and Leadership.*
- *Learn what other schools are doing to implement their Advisory Programs.*
- *Devise a real-time action plan including a framework for implementation and long-term sustainability and actions that will have measurable impact.*



When is This Workshop Offered?

Sessions are offered in three-day formats (two consecutive training days and one follow-up day approximately three months later) and can be customized to meet the needs of your school community. Sessions can also be integrated into Department or Grade Level meetings over a period of time. Follow-up coaching is available for schools wishing to receive additional support.

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