

Crossing Educational Center Established Need & Future Outcomes

Established Need:

1. Each year approximately 1.23 million students fail to graduate from high school, more than half of whom are from minority groups.
2. In 2006, there were 22,000 drop-outs in Indiana which will result in a total missed opportunity of approximately \$6 billion in lifetime income. Over the course of a lifetime, a high school dropout earns, on average, about \$260,000 less than a high school graduate.
3. 62% of black males will not graduate from high school in America.
4. There is a direct correlation between dropping out of school and getting involved in gangs, violence, drugs and other non-productive behaviors. Most drop-outs end up incarcerated. Crime and violence are at an all time high with most offenses committed by juveniles. It cost approximately \$50,000 per year to incarcerate a juvenile. It costs the Crossing \$5,000 per year to educate a student.
5. Most dropouts are already on the path to failure in the middle grades and engage in behaviors that strongly correlate to dropping out in high school. Low attendance or failing grades are identified risk factors of dropping out of school. The 6 million secondary students who comprise the lowest 25 percent of achievement are 20 times more likely to drop out of high school than students in the top-performing quartile.

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Crossing Measurable Outcomes:

Focus on four main components in education:

Academics, Character, Leadership and Careers.

1. 100% of students will provide a minimum of 20 hours of community volunteer service.
2. 90% of students who enter their senior year will graduate.
3. 90% of all graduates will pass ISTEP prior to graduation.
4. 90% of students enrolled at the Crossing for 1 year will increase their ISTEP scores each time the test is taken.
5. Maintain a 90% attendance rate.
6. Maintain less than a 15% drop-out rate.
7. 75% of graduates will participate in some form of post-secondary education, training or service experience.
8. 75% of students will participate in a work-study program (working on a job for school credit).
9. Reduce by 30% the number of Crossing students actively involved in gangs.
10. 100% of natural leaders will participate in a Leadership Academy hosted off campus to build future leadership for the Crossing and the community.
11. 100% of students will participate in increasing their knowledge in being an effective person (7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens), and managing money (Dave Ramsey's, Financial Peace University).
12. 75% of students will be involved in the arts (music, art, drama, etc.)
13. After building an effective mentor program, 75% of students will be connected to an adult mentor to provide positive role models.
14. The Crossing will partner with 20 different community organizations or individuals to enhance learning opportunities for students.