



LRSP Status Report – June 2011

4.04 BHS Continuum of Alternative Services SR 2011

Strategic Objective (SO):

4.04 Develop a continuum of alternative services intended to address at-risk student needs.

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In a year, we hope to see the following progress on this strategic objective:

We hope to see fewer students failing core classes and less students falling behind in credits. We also hope to see more integration of Bridger program.

PROGRESS SUMMARY

A performance-based model of education was researched extensively and will be implemented in the Bridger Alternative Program during the 2011-2012 school year. The model will truly serve as an “alternative” to the traditional, time-based system in which students earn credits over 90 day semesters. Instead, all BAP students will be held to proficiency on rigorous standards and will be able to progress through the curriculum at their own pace. Additionally, hybrid classes were created and identified at-risk students from the general population were able to take core courses in the Bridger Program in order to preserve credit they were in danger of losing.

The A2X program has been created with the assistance of youth probation so that students who have been expelled from the district are still able to salvage their high school education. As part of this program, a class called “Transitions” will be offered for identified at-risk students entering the high school as freshmen. In 2011 we developed and refined credit recovery models to help students who fall behind in credit and are no longer on track for graduation.

A student summit was held with the goal of teaching skills of leadership and inclusion among different groups in the building, and counselors facilitated a peer mediator workshop monthly that up to twenty students attended faithfully. The homeless liaison continued working with community groups that could help serve the needs of at-risk students, and result was 30 Bridger students enjoying a pre-prom meal and were outfitted with proper attire for the prom itself.