

Examples of Risk Factors that Significantly Increased the Odds of Dropping Out of High School

Sixth Grade		
Academic	a failing grade in English or mathematics	
	Being retained in any grade during K–8 or in high school.	
Student Engagement: Attendance and Behavior	Low attendance (80 percent or lower) during 6 th grade and/or a significant drop in attendance in subsequent years	
	Receiving a failing classroom behavior mark during 6 th grade*	
	Significant drop in Attendance beginning in 6 th grade and worsening in subsequent years.	
Eighth Grade		
Academic	Failing one or more courses during 8 th grade	
	Being retained in any grade during K–8	
Student Engagement: Attendance and Behavior	Low attendance during 8th grade which may also have occurred earlier in middle school. Discipline data must also be monitored.	

Transition between 8th and 9th Grades		
Academic	Significant drop in grade point average from 8th to 9 th grade.	
	Entering 9th grade with math or reading scores below 8th grade level.	
	Being retained in any grade during K–8	

Ninth Grade		
Academic	Entering 9th grade with math or reading scores below 8th grade level	
	Being retained in 9th grade (The risk is higher for the student if retention in 9 th grade is not the first time the student has been retained.)	
	Receiving more than one grade of F in core academic courses or not earning enough credits to be promoted during 9th grade.	
	Being retained in any grade during K–8	
Student Engagement: Attendance and Behavior	Low attendance during the first 30 days of 9th grade. Discipline Referral data must also be monitored.	