

DCCCD Retention Best Practice Submission Form

Across the district there are many successful practices that contribute to the retention of students. As the district begins to develop a greater emphasis on its retention strategy, all locations are asked to identify and submit information about successful retention programs and activities. Please complete the following information on selected practices.

College/Location:

The Retention Best Practice is primarily supported by what college/location area:
Instruction____ Student Services X Administrative____

Combination of areas: (Please list)

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Retention Best Practice Title: *Rising Star Program*

Retention Best Practice Area of Focus:

Math____ STEM____ Honors College____ Other X

Retention Best Practice Executive Summary: approximately 50 words (Please use additional pages for a detailed description)

The Rising Star program retention strategies include: tutoring, progress reports, individual advisement, and a Rising Star Club. We also work with our students' one on one throughout the semester. We assist to qualified participants with applying for financial aid and other support services to make sure they stay eligible for the program by meeting the financial aid requirements.

Please describe the evaluation measures utilized to support this initiative as a best practice.

We look at the retention of students from semester to semester, and the number of students that transfer and graduate.

Provide a summary of the results, including data (such as trend lines over time) to show how it impacted retention and is a best practice.

From spring 2008 to fall 2008, 57% of our Rising Star students returned. We also look at the number of students that transfer and graduate. For the 2007-2008 school year we had 16 graduate and 6 transfer.

What would be needed to replicate the practice at other DCCCD colleges?

Information on students that are enrolled from semester to semester and a system to track graduates and transfer students.

Cost to implement this practice (financial and human): *Financial \$ 70,132 Human: Currently, we have one full time coordinator, 2 student assistants and 1 current tutor for math and science. We are also planning to hire a tutor for English & Developmental Reading and Writing.*

Please submit this form to Dr. Sharon L. Blackman, DCCCD Educational Affairs by October 24, 2008)