

## **AT-RISK STUDENTS**

### **Program Overview**

The district's at-risk program will assist students by:

- ▶ Providing services and support through identification, resources, referral and intervention to students who exhibit a wide range of problems.
- ▶ Fostering an atmosphere of acceptance for students and staff to work toward resolution of student problems.
- ▶ Initiating and maintaining a cooperative alliance in which the school, community, families and students work together.
- ▶ Providing comprehensive ongoing intervention, evaluation and services to meet the needs of the at-risk students.

### **Program Components**

The at-risk program is a comprehensive, ongoing program of student assessment and identification as well as the coordination of services and resources. The program's components will include:

- ▶ Prevention services, education and activities which promote, support and reinforce a healthy lifestyle.
- ▶ Written procedures for the identification of students at all levels whose problems are inhibiting or disrupting their educational process and performance, as well as procedures for handling crisis situations involving students.
- ▶ Intervention, including action where warranted, to motivate troubled students and families to seek help.
- ▶ Assessment of the nature and severity of the problem.
- ▶ Referrals to appropriate community services/resources.
- ▶ Support to encourage and devise methods that reduce destructive behavior and encourage healthy choices.

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- ▶ Follow-up counseling and services to those students who drop out of school to facilitate their return to school and/or the completion of their education.
- ▶ Report dropouts to the Missouri Literacy Hot Line at 800-521-7323 pursuant to § 167.275, RSMo.

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***Note: The reader is encouraged to review policies and/or forms for related information in this administrative area.***

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