

STAND STRONGER:

PROVIDE SUMMER TRANSITION FOR ALL ENTERING 9TH GRADERS AND RISING 10TH GRADERS THIS SUMMER

TRAINING: CHSS is offering a 90-minute virtual workshop designed for school and district administrators looking to strengthen existing **summer transition programs designed to accelerate academic achievement, mitigate learning loss and strengthen academic preparation for high school.**

DATES: Fri, 4/16 from 8 - 9:30 am (Pacific) **OR** Tues, 4/27 from 8 - 9:30 am (Pacific) - *(Repeat Session)*

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Extending the research cited in this document that daylight the mismatch between traditional school schedules and the developing adolescent brain and coupling with the complexities resulting from the pandemic, rising 9th graders are at an even greater

risk than during a typical school year. Implementing a summer bridge program is a proven way to ease the transition from 8th to 9th grade. Strong empirical support for the academic and social-emotional benefits of high impact summer bridge programs includes increasing 9th to 10th grade promotion rates, decreasing disciplinary referrals, and increasing students' positive feelings of connection to school. Related studies show that students with strong non-academic skills such as time management, self-advocacy, and study skills experience far greater levels of success in high school.

Findings by the University of Chicago Consortium on School Research reveal declines in academic effort measured by class participation, completing homework, and seeking help when needed account for up to two-thirds of the decrease in academic performance from 8th to 9th grade. Schools can effectively mitigate 9th grade failure by designing high-impact summer bridge programs aimed at strengthening preparation for high school. While summer bridge programs vary in terms of their purpose, from remediating course failure to academic acceleration, as well as in length, ranging from one-day orientations to 6-8-week academic enrichment programs, an analysis of the research on effective summer bridge programs shows that they matter to kids! Kids need that now more than ever.

RESOURCES:

- [Supporting Student Transition from Middle to High School](#)
- [Building an Effective Summer Bridge Program](#)
- [Getting to Work on Summer Learning: Recommended Practices for Success, 2nd Ed.](#)
- [Effective Summer Programming: What Educators and Policymakers Should Know](#)
- [Supporting Young Adolescents' Middle-to-High-School Transition by Creating a Ninth Grade Community of Care: Implications for Middle Grades Educators](#)

OTHER RESOURCES:

- *Augustine et al., Getting to Work on Summer Learning: Recommended Practices for Success (Santa Monica, CA: Rand Corporation, 2013)*
- *Dedmond, R., Brown, R. D., & LaFauci, J. M. (2006). Freshman transition programs: Long-term and comprehensive. Principal's Research Review, 1(4), 1-8.*
- *Grossman, J. B., & Cooney, S. M. (2009). Paving the Way for Success in High School and beyond: The Importance of Preparing Middle School Students for the Transition to Ninth Grade. GroundWork. Public/Private Ventures.*
- *Neild, R. C. (2009). Falling off track during the transition to high school: What we know and what can be done. Future of Children, 19(1), 53-76.*
- *Southern Regional Education Board. (2002). Opening doors to the future: Preparing low-achieving middle grades students to succeed in high school. Atlanta, GA: Southern Regional Education Board.*

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