

FAILURE RATE DISCUSSION GUIDE

(Staff grouped by departments)

Failure rates that exceed 15-20%, especially in core academic areas, will make it difficult to reach a goal to improve the graduation completion rate at Central High School.

What actions can we take in the classroom to support students in successfully demonstrating learning (reducing failure rates)?

Questions to guide discussion:

Other than students simply not attending, why are students failing? What percentage of the failures would you attribute to the various reasons for failure?

- Not turning in work? _____%
- Turning in late work? _____%
- Not making up missed work? _____%
- Turning in work of poor quality? _____%
- Poor test/quiz grades? _____%
- Not participating in class? Having materials/books? _____%

Given the reasons (identified above) what actions could you take to:

- Get more students to turn in work
- Ask students to re-do work to *quality* (improving their grade)
- Get students to make up missed work
- Improve students' test/quiz grades
- Improve students' class participation

How can we use our interim and progress reports to inform parents about the specific reasons for failure?

- Putting at least two comments on every interim report
- Completing a grade explanation sheet for all failing students