



NATIONAL  
DROPOUT  
PREVENTION  
CENTER

# THE EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES MOVING FORWARD



The 15 Effective Strategies have been the foundation of the Center's work since the 1990s. The strategies have been changed and built upon since then with the introduction of the National Dropout Prevention Specialist Certification Program, for example. This year we are going to augment the 15 Effective Strategies once again as the landscape of education continues to shift.

The 15 Effective Strategies for Dropout Prevention will become the Effective Strategies for Dropout Prevention. Rather than organizing the 15 fixed strategies by foundational, early intervention, core, and instruction, the Effective Strategies will be reclassified into four strands: Leadership, Learning Accelerators, Success for ALL, and Outreach. This change will provide more adaptability to the strategies as NDPC and partners begin to further research on new and future-focused strategies to increase graduation rates and support students. By switching to a strand system, we will be better able to categorize our current and future strategies. For those of you in our National Dropout Prevention Center Specialist Certification Program that means more autonomy in how you attain your certification.

The new system still requires 12 credit hours and a field project report, with at least one credit in each strand. This allows practitioners to focus on the content that matters to them rather than having to select sessions and courses based on a checklist. Another benefit to this updated structure is the flexibility it allows us in allocating our sessions and courses. Those who are currently in the process of obtaining the National Dropout Prevention Specialist Certification, your old credits are being transferred over into the new system. Transcripts are available upon request from [Certification@Dropoutprevention.org](mailto:Certification@Dropoutprevention.org).



## Leadership

1. Systemic Approach
2. Professional Learning
3. Safe Learning Environment

## Learning Accelerators

1. Individualized Instruction
2. Active Learning
3. Education Technology



## Success for ALL

1. Career Technical Education
2. Alternative Education
3. Early Childhood Education

## Outreach

1. School Community Collaboration
2. Family Engagement
3. After School / Out of School Opportunities
4. Service Learning
5. Mentoring

