Highlighting Dropout Prevention Practices within the Taxonomy for Transition Programming

General Practices Related to Dropout Prevention	Specific Examples Related to General Practices	Area(s) of Taxonomy
Comprehensive diagnostic systems	• Identify student-level and school wide dropout problems • Consider the unique student identities • Use data to identify individual students who have higher risks for dropout • Collect accurate data on withdrawals	• Student Focused Planning • Program Structure
Early warning systems	• History of retentions • Attendance • Behavior problems • Monitor students sense of belonging and engagement	• Student Focused Planning • Program Structure
Provide personalized instruction and learning	• Small learning communities • Team teaching • Extended learning time • Career academies • Career technical education • Extracurricular activities	• Student Development • Student Focused Planning • Program Structure
Provide rigorous and relevant instruction	• Keep students engaged in learning • Provide skills needed after graduation • Integrate content with career skills • Help students experience success • Provide opportunities for students to apply their learning in relevant, real world situations to connect to their future	• Student Development • Program Structure
Provide academic support	• Individual support/tutoring • Small group instruction for note-taking and study skills • Extra learning time • Intensive in school and out of school programs • Assist to improve proficiency in core academic areas to enable entrance into postsecondary placements	• Student Development • Program Structure
Instruction on behavior and social skills	• Academic and behavior mentors • Positive rewards and recognition • Problem-solving and relationship building strategies • Conflict resolution strategies and cognitive behavioral approaches	• Student Development
Supportive school climate	• Fair treatment • Caring adult advocates	• Program Structure

	• Cultural sensitivity • Help students to identify helpful persons and relevant coursework • Provide access to caring adult advocates	
Vocational skills	• Career awareness and exploration • Generic or occupationally specific coursework • Paid employment • Create systems that promote activities and services to facilitate accomplishment of postsecondary goals (career awareness, work experiences)	• Student Development • Interagency Collaboration • Program Structure
Encourage family involvement/community supports	• Develop a case management approach for students and families • Create structured partnerships between school and employers	• Family Involvement • Interagency Collaboration • Program Structure
Teach self-determination and self-advocacy skills including student/person-centered planning	• Implement or instruct explicit self-determination and self-advocacy skills using research based curricula • Make certain that school personnel can utilize appropriate assessment instruments and techniques to determine student preferences, interests, and abilities • Develop process and training to assist youth with disabilities to participate in their IEPs • Create systems that promote activities and services to facilitate accomplishment of post secondary goals	• Student focused planning • Program Structure
Eliminate practices that push students out of school	• Create incentives for schools to increase attendance • Teach, model, and reward positive behavior • Revise discipline codes to ensure the fair, equitable and appropriate use of suspension and expulsion • Ensure that students have meaningful consequences for misbehavior, redress the harm of misbehavior and learn appropriate behaviors	• Program Structure
Help students to address problems that interfere with learning	• Assist students in obtaining social, health, and other personal resources they will need to overcome obstacles to their learning and meet their emergent basic needs • Personalize programs as needed to address individual student needs and improve post-school outcomes	• Student Development • Family Involvement • Interagency Collaboration • Program Structure