

Critical Professional Development for Your Planning Teams

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Freshman Transition Initiative at The George Washington University

Freshman Transition Leadership Institute



Using the new **Course Standards for Freshman Transition Classes**, developed through The George Washington University's Freshman Transition Initiative, learn **the 10-Step Plan** for initiating a Freshman Transition course and implementing a school-wide program that will provide data-driven advisory opportunities.

Featured in the article *A Personalized Plan for Life*, in NASSP's *Principal Leadership* magazine, this practical system will launch your high school redesign efforts.

Freshman Transition Initiative founder Dr. Rebecca Dedmond gives participants:

- ✓ The tools and templates to develop a comprehensive plan for their Freshman Transition efforts
- ✓ Strategies for implementing a school-wide initiative that takes the advisory function to a new level through the interdisciplinary efforts of all academic departments
- ✓ Strategies for getting buy-in from all stakeholders in your school community
- ✓ A complete manual of resources that includes planning committee job descriptions and planning checklists

Participants receive the *Freshman Transition Leadership Manual*, which includes:

- Detailed planning committee job descriptions and structures
- Teacher recruitment rubrics and curriculum correlations
- Data and resources to generate buy-in from teachers, parents, school board members, and community partners
- Planning checklists to keep the Freshman Transition effort on track
- Management tools to streamline your efforts
- Research to support Freshman Transition policies

"This institute is powerful for any school of any level. This program works for the students who are struggling and it also works for students who are very successful."

Beverly Strickland, Director of High School Programs,
Duval County Schools, Jacksonville, FL

Who should attend?

- ▶ High school or middle school principals
- ▶ Principals with the team of leaders responsible for Freshman Transition and high school redesign efforts
- ▶ District leaders responsible for innovative dropout prevention strategies
- ▶ School leaders responsible for Freshman Academies

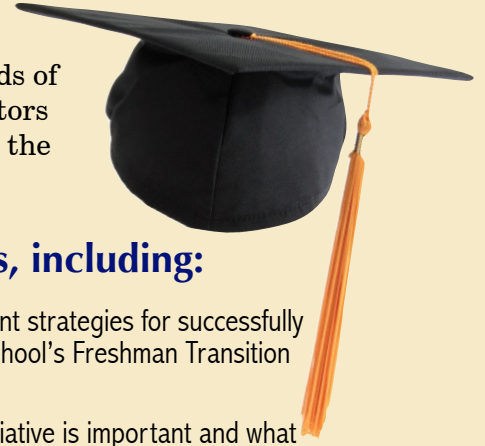


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A Systemic Approach to Dropout Prevention

This sponsored institute provides practical strategies and resources for middle schools and high schools that are redesigning to meet the demands of today's students. It is of particular interest to principals and administrators whose schools are working to implement an 8th or 9th grade course using the **Course Standards for Freshman Transition Classes**.



This comprehensive Institute covers a wide range of topics, including:

- ✓ Dropout prevention strategies that work
- ✓ Creating a vision: Comprehensive guidance and the 10-year education and career plan
- ✓ The role of the principal
- ✓ Forming a team of champions: Recruiting the coordinating committee
- ✓ Generating buy-in for the 10-year plan
- ✓ Course Standards for Freshman Transition Classes
- ✓ Identifying a curriculum that addresses your program goals
- ✓ Strategies for recruiting and retaining your most experienced and enthusiastic teachers
- ✓ Professional development strategies for successfully institutionalizing your school's Freshman Transition efforts
- ✓ Why the school-wide initiative is important and what results to expect
- ✓ Strategies for implementing a school-wide initiative using students' 10-year plans for advisory functions
- ✓ Creating a customized professional development plan

*"The Course Standards are a priceless gift to us!
Not having to recreate the wheel will save us hours!"*

Shaun Kraska, Coordinator
West Valley High School, Fairbanks, AK

Space in each Institute is limited. Don't miss a fantastic opportunity! Visit www.focusonfreshmen.com/fti or call Academic Innovations at (800) 967-8016 for details on any upcoming events.

We can also work with The George Washington University's Freshman Transition Initiative to deliver this Institute to your district or consortium. For additional details about this and other professional development opportunities, call (800) 967-8016.

The Freshman Transition Leadership Institutes listed at the web address below are sponsored by Academic Innovations. A portion of the standard institute fee has been underwritten by Academic Innovations; in addition, each participant will receive a complimentary set of the Career Choices textbooks, a curriculum that meets the Course Standards for Freshman Transition Classes.

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