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Program Description



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MTL is a peer-to-peer mentoring, student leadership and educational reengagement program

which serves youth who are at risk for not graduating and/or remaining in school. The program

aims to increase graduation rates and decrease dropout rates, particularly among

minority males. MTL is based on five pillars:

1. Academic Achievement

Ninth (9th) and tenth (10th) graders who have earned below a 2.0 grade point average are assigned a caring adult-an Academic Coach-and student mentors for ongoing support, including learning study skills in a quiet, structured environment (study hall) twice per week, as well as receiving support with monitoring and increasing academic progress.

2. Mentoring

High achieving (GPA 3.0 or above) upperclassmen with demonstrated leadership skills participate in a two-year mentor relationship with students who have earned a GPA lower than 2.0. This is a structured relationship that is facilitated by MTL program staff. All MTL

students are exposed to adult role models and mentors from the community during monthly workshops, and from interacting with guest speakers who take part in the MTL Career and College Exploration Series. Monthly parent education workshops

to

cover topics such as Graduation Requirements, Grading, Stages of Adolescent Development, Academic Needs of Adolescents, etc. Parent workshops to address parental needs, such as; Employability Training, Managing Stress, and literacy classes will

also

be offered while simultaneously developing parent leaders.

3. Family Involvement

MTL parents and guardians attend monthly parent education workshops that cover topics such

as; graduation requirements, grading, stages of adolescent development, academic needs of adolescents, etc.

4. Community Support

Community members volunteer to serve as adult mentors and role models, presenters at parent and student workshops, guest speakers through the College and Career Exploration

Series, as well as donors, sponsors and members of the MTL Advisory Board.

5. Incentives

Program participants earn several incentives as they work to improve their grades and

meet

high school graduation requirements. Student mentors also earn incentives as they

inspire

their peers to achieve academic excellence. These incentives include recognition within

the

school and community, visits to local colleges and post-secondary institutions, and an allexpenses paid College Tour.



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