



Career Academies for School Completion

What is the level of evidence?

This practice was identified by the Institute of Education Sciences as having potentially positive effects for school completion. It is labeled by NTACT as a Promising Practice. *More information on NTACT's process for identifying effective practices is available here: [NTACT's Effective Practices](#).*

What is the practice?

Career Academies are a dropout prevention strategy for students considered most at risk of dropping out of high school. Students take career-related and academic courses and acquire work experience through partnerships with local employers.

Where is the best place to find out how to do this practice?

The What Works Clearinghouse at IES provides this information:

http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/pdf/intervention_reports/wwc_careeracademies_092215.pdf.

Additional resources include: <http://www.mdrc.org/project/career-academies-exploring-college-and-career-options-ecco#overview> and

<http://www.mdrc.org/sites/default/files/Career%20Academies%20Early%20Implementation%20OES.pdf>.

References used to establish this evidence base:

Kemple, J. J., & Snipes, J. C. (2000). *Career Academies: Impacts on students' engagement and performance in high school*. New York, NY: MDRC.

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