

CHECK & CONNECT

A RESEARCH-BASED INITIATIVE
AND PROVEN MODEL for *ENGAGING AND RETAINING AT-RISK STUDENTS*

Developed at the University of Minnesota and successfully utilized
since 1991 in the Minneapolis School System.

WHAT IS CHECK & CONNECT?

A model of sustained intervention used to enhance and maintain students' engagement with school. Check & Connect has met the evidence-based standards (*What Works Clearing House*) for staying and progressing in school. It is designed to promote students' engagement with school, utilizing an approach which is based on enhancing strengths and connections between home, school, and community through relationship-building, problem-solving and persistence.

COMPONENTS

CHECK refers to systemically *assessing* students' connection to school.
CONNECT refers to the *timely response* or intervention based on students' educational needs.

IMPACT

- Reduces absences
- Reduces tardiness to school/class
- Increases credit accrual
- Increases graduation rates
- Decreases dropout rates
- Reduces behavioral referrals
- Increases (perceived) in parent participation