

Building Coherence from the School Site to Central Office for Students

For Bullard High School, Fresno USD's district-wide focus on 9th grade success, with built-in support for principals and improvement teams, made a huge impact. Turning isolated efforts into coordinated progress that spans schools, roles, and levels of leadership is not just a school site goal, it is a district reality.

Bullard High School: Staying on Course to Improve Outcomes for 9th Graders

Bullard High School in Fresno USD has been in the CORE Breakthrough Success Community since it launched. With targeted 9th grade success strategies, embedded coaching, and shared learning, coherence from the central office to the site helps educators improve grade, attendance, belonging and long-term 9th grade outcomes that once seemed out of reach.

● Opportunity

By participating in the BTSC network, Bullard High School saw an opportunity to unlock doors and to learn from educators and experts throughout the district and state and nation focused on 9th grade on track.

● Insight

Bullard educators recognized that the network could help them bring structure, clarity and momentum to work already underway. Through new data routines, taking action every marking period, and improving relationships with students they would be better positioned to help 9th graders stay on track.

● Intervention

Bullard adopted minimum grading practices and retakes so students have multiple opportunities to demonstrate mastery. Strategic relationship building practices and 1:1 counselor check-ins help students feel known and supported.

● Impact

Bullard continues to improve on track rates and decrease Ds and Fs year after year. Since 2020-21, Bullard High has increased on track rates by 32 percent, and decreased Ds and Fs by 38 percent. Together with the district's support, Bullard High School is making sustained progress so all their students have the widest array of options after graduation.

32%

Bullard High School has increased its on track rates 32% post pandemic.

38%

The percentage of Ds and Fs has decreased 38% at Bullard High School.

29%

On track rates for Latino students - Bullard's largest student group - have improved 29% since 2022.



We knew that the BTSC network would bring structure, clarity and momentum to work we had underway. We are in awe by the improvement knowledge and coherence we are gaining across our team. All of our efforts are worth it when we see the results, improving on track rates, decreasing Ds/Fs and students who know they have adults they can count on at Bullard.

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