

# Build a Gateway to College for Out-of-School Youth



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### **Gateway to College Provides Disconnected Youth a Pathway to Self-Sufficiency in their Communities with a High School Diploma and Meaningful College Credentials.**

Nationally, about 15 percent of high school students do not make it to graduation on time. There are many reasons for this, and the impact of not receiving a high school diploma is profound. Through Gateway to College, students who have dropped out of high school, or are significantly off track, complete their high school diplomas in college-based programs while simultaneously earning credits toward a postsecondary credential.

Gateway to College is a financially sustainable program which connects K-12 school districts with colleges and leverages a national network of peers and expertise. The key to success for Gateway to College students is the holistic student support that helps them overcome barriers and gain the confidence, skills, and credentials they need for a self-sufficient future.



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# Benefits to Your Community



## STUDENTS

### Supportive setting:

Students gain a group of peers and instructors working toward a common purpose

### College access:

Courses, counseling, and books are covered by the program free of charge

### Career development:

Students find relevance in education that leads to meaningful employment



## SCHOOL DISTRICTS

### Reduce dropout rate:

Provide an engaging, supportive pathway for struggling students

### Re-engagement:

Return students to school in a new, transformative setting

### Recapture lost funding:

Recover previously lost per-pupil funding for students who return



## COLLEGES

### Student Support:

Revenue sharing with K-12 partners enables intensive holistic support

### Preparation:

Students complete a diploma and enter postsecondary with the tools to succeed

### Enrollment:

73 percent of GtC graduates continue in postsecondary education, most at their host college



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Achieving the Dream leads a growing network committed to helping students, particularly low-income students and students of color, achieve their goals for academic success, personal growth, and economic opportunity.

