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ECAP EXEMPLAR SCHOOLS

Many schools throughout the state have developed innovative ways to provide students with personalized guidance for college and career planning. ECAP Exemplar Schools have shown significant improvements since the ECAP process was implemented in 2009 in student outcomes such as graduation rates and drop-out rates. They have also developed comprehensive systems to deliver a quality ECAP process that truly makes a difference for students. Learn about two Arizona ECAP Exemplar Schools below!

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LAKE HAVASU HIGH SCHOOL

Lake Havasu High School has created an ECAP process that utilizes ALL school staff. Twice a month during their “Knight Time” advisory class, teachers deliver ECAP lessons on critical topics such as post-secondary choices, interviewing skills, and financial planning. These teachers will stay with their cohort of students from freshman to senior year. Counselors regularly help students use Arizona’s free online career information system, AzCIS, to learn about personal strengths and interests, explore colleges and careers, develop a resume, and much more. Administrators are also assigned a grade level to work with on ECAP activities. Freshmen participate in a Commit to Graduate Ceremony where they sign a cap and gown, shake the principal’s hand, and run through a tunnel of cheering upperclassmen. Lake Havasu High School has truly created a culture in which all students know where they want to go and how they’re going to get there! Go Knights!



WINSLOW HIGH SCHOOL

Winslow High School is situated on the border of the Navajo Nation in northern Arizona. All seniors at Winslow High School develop a senior capstone portfolio as a graduation requirement. The portfolio contains college and career planning tools like worksheets on financial planning for college, reflections on job-shadows and college visits, resumes, letters of recommendation, and interest inventories. Counselors deliver ECAP lessons to students twice a semester. Winslow High School also works with their feeder middle school to get kids excited and prepared for the transition into high school, culminating with a community event called Bulldog Day. Winslow High School has increased their graduation rate by over twenty-one percentage points since implementing the ECAP process! Counselors have also seen a significant increase in the number of students attending community college after graduation. Winslow students are graduating with a plan!

BY THE NUMBERS

Lake Havasu	2009	2014	Change
Graduation Rate	75%	85.7%	+10.7
Drop-out Rate	5.7%	3.3%	-2.4

Winslow	2009	2014	Change
Graduation Rate	71%	92.19%	+21.19
Drop-out Rate	7%	6.24%	-0.76