

Roads to Success Focus Group Questions

11th Grade Focus Group Questions

- What college and career planning assistance did students receive prior to RTS? How helpful was it? What aspects were most valuable?
- Did RTS participation change senior year course taking patterns? Why? How?

12th Grade Focus Group Questions

These questions will help us understand what college and career planning assistance you have received.

- What topics related to college and career options did you learn about before this year?
 - How helpful was this information? What was the most important thing you learned?
- What topics related to college and career options did you learn about this school year?
 - How helpful was this information? What was the most important thing you learned?
- From whom did you learn about these options?
 - Where do you learn about options for college and career?
- How many RTS units/lessons have you participated in?
- What are your plans for next year? Will you attend college and/or get a job?
 - Has participating in RTS changed your plans for courses to take next year? If so, how?
- What are your financial aid options for college? How did you learn about these options?
- What careers are you interested in? How did you learn about these careers? Why are you interested in them?
- What challenges do you have in deciding on options for college and/or a career?
- What has been the most helpful part of RTS?

Counselor Focus Group Questions

- What college and career planning assistance did students receive in previous years?
- How successful was this assistance?
- What outcomes do you expect from college and career planning assistance to students?

- What college and career planning assistance do students receive in the current academic year?
- Who delivers college and career planning assistance to students?
- How does college and career planning assistance to students differ in the current year from college and career planning assistance in previous years, if at all?
- What training did you receive on implementing RTS?
- Please describe how RTS implementation has progressed?
 - How many RTS units/lessons have students participated in?
 - To what students was the RTS curriculum introduced?
 - What challenges in implementing RTS have you experienced?
 - How has RTS impacted your strategies for delivering college and career planning assistance to students?
- What ongoing supports for RTS implementation, if any, do you and/or teachers and/or counselors receive during the academic year?
- What impact has RTS participation had on students?
 - How do you know?
- What have been the outcomes of implementing the RTS curriculum?
 - Did RTS participation change senior year course taking plans among current 11th graders? If so, how?
- How well do students understand their financial aid options?
- How well do students understand course taking options?
- What has been the most successful aspect of the RTS curriculum?

Principal Focus Group Questions

These questions will help us understand what college and career planning assistance students have received in your school.

- What college and career planning assistance did students receive in previous years?
- How successful was this assistance?
- What outcomes do you expect from college and career planning assistance to students?
- What college and career planning assistance do students receive in the current academic year?
- Who delivers college and career planning assistance to students?
- How does college and career planning assistance to students differ in the current year from college and career planning assistance in previous years, if at all?

- How are counselors and/or teachers trained on implementing RTS?
- Please describe how RTS implementation has progressed?
 - How many RTS units/lessons have students participated in?
 - To what students was the RTS curriculum introduced?
 - What challenges in implementing RTS have counselors experienced?
 - What challenges in implementing RTS have teachers experienced?
- How are counselors and/or teachers trained on implementing RTS?
- What ongoing supports for RTS implementation, if any, do teacher and/or counselors receive during the academic year?
- What impact has RTS participation had on students?
 - How do you know?
- What have been the outcomes of implementing the RTS curriculum?
- How well do students understand their financial aid options?
- How well do students understand course taking options?
- What has been the most successful aspect of the RTS curriculum?

RTS/Teacher of Record Focus Group Questions

These questions will help us understand what college and career planning assistance students have received in your school.

- What college and career planning assistance did students receive in previous years?
- How successful was this assistance?
- What outcomes do you expect from college and career planning assistance to students?
- What college and career planning assistance do students receive in the current academic year?
- How does college and career planning assistance to students differ in the current year from college and career planning assistance in previous years, if at all?
- What training did you receive on implementing RTS?
 - What was the most helpful aspect of this training? Why?
- Please describe how RTS implementation has progressed?
 - How many RTS units/lessons have students participated in?
 - How often and do you deliver RTS units/lessons? In what context?
 - To what students was the RTS curriculum introduced?
 - How do you integrate RTS with your academic or CTE curriculum?

- What challenges in implementing RTS have you experienced?
 - How has RTS impacted your strategies for delivering college and career planning assistance to students?
- What ongoing supports for RTS implementation, if any, do you receive during the academic year?
- What impact has RTS participation had on students?
 - How do you know?
- What have been the outcomes of implementing the RTS curriculum?
 - Did RTS participation change senior year course taking plans among current 11th graders? If so, how?
- How well do students understand their financial aid options?
- How well do students understand course taking options?
- What has been the most successful aspect of the RTS curriculum?