

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade At-Risk Factors



Identify 9<sup>th</sup> grade students who meet the following (6) criteria:

- ***Over Age***
- ***Finish grade 9 without enough credits to graduate with his/her cohort***
- ***<80% attendance rate***
- ***Fails Algebra I***
- ***Fails English 9***
- ***Disconnected from school***

### ***Reality:***

- This student may demonstrate various types of behavioral issues
- This student may have a reading deficit that has not been diagnosed and/or corrected
- This student is likely to be male and of minority ethnicity
- This student is likely to have limited home support
- This student may be experiencing physical, emotional and/or sexual abuse (if female, sexual abuse is more likely than if male)
- This student may show early signs of clinical depression
- This student is likely to feel and talk negatively about school and his/her teachers
- This student is likely NOT receiving special education services

***Two or more of the four factors result in the student having a 0% chance of completing high school.  
The first two guarantee a dropout.***