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Sub-grant Application Cover Page

LEA/Charter/School Information
Name: Delaware Academy of Public Safety and Security Date: 2/13/15
Address 1: 801 North Dupont Highway Address 2: New Castle, DE 19720
Amount of Funding Requested: \$5,463.00
Coordinator's Name: Charles Hughes
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Coordinator's Telephone: 302-622-6050
Principal or District Representative (if different from Coordinator):
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District Practices	Current level of implementation: Weak = 1 to Strong = 4; indicate 0 if not currently implementing the practice	Has the applicant identified a partner(s) to strengthen this practice? (yes/no)	Will the practice be included in the strategic plan? (yes/no)				
College Access							
All seniors enter college application month activities with a personalized list of post-secondary education options	2	Yes Stand by me Delaware	yes				
All secondary students participate in a year-round college access campaign grades	2	Yes	Yes				
All students and guardians participate in an advisement process to understand pathways to post-secondary education and career opportunities connected to those pathways.	2	No	Yes				
Counselors participate and/or are provided regular professional learning opportunities to understand national best practices in building and sustaining a college-going culture.	2	Yes					
Counselors have dedicated time to focus on college access and readiness efforts the school and to advise students in the planning process.	2	Yes Stand by me Delaware	Yes				
Teachers and school leaders regularly and consistently incorporate college and career themes and connections to define the relevance between high school, college and career for all students.	3	No	Yes				
1st generation college going students, males of color and/or students from low-income households have access to targeted supports regarding college awareness and transition grades 6-12.	1	Yes Site Committee on Minority Achievement	Yes				
College Success							
Students demonstrating readiness through prior course achievement, AP potential and/or SAT have access to dual enrollment/AP courses/IB.	2	Yes Wilmington University	Yes				
A clearly defined summer melt strategy is in place to ensure all students intending to enroll successfully do immediately following graduation.	2	Yes Stand by Me Delaware	Yes				
Students have access to prep for the common-core aligned PSAT and SAT.	3	Yes Online programs	Yes				
College Affordability	1000	P. OB. WILLO					
Students and parents participate in financial aid awareness activities beginning in 9 th grade.	1	No	Yes				
Seniors needing financial aid complete the FAFSA before March 15 th .	3	yes	yes				

Delaware Goes To College Planning Grant Submission by: Delaware Academy of Public Safety and Security

Introduction:

Delaware Academy is a small public charter high school. Our Academy is currently completing the first school year in which we provided service to cadets in grade 12.

This year we hope to graduate approximately 70 cadets. Currently 60% have completed and submitted college application plus 2 % have committed to branches of our military. Over the next 2-3 months we hope to see an increase at both data points.

Moving forward we anticipate graduating classes between 70-90 cadets. This is a cadet number that we believe, with careful planning and strong implementation can be impacted at levels approaching 100%.

We look forward to a favorable approval of this modest planning grant.

 Our honest self-assessment did not result in rankings higher than 2. This is is generally due to our "first time" experience working with a 12th grade class.

Our current formal plans began with an onsite college night in the prior school year to increase interest (targeting then grade 11 cadets). Formal work efforts have continued during the current year. All seniors have had individual support working whit a "ready to graduate" template, as well as opportunities/workshops to hear presentation on college readiness, scholarships an funding.

Key to our presentations has been the support of non-profit group Stand by Me Delaware. As noted we have positively impacted about 65% of cadets (and anticipate by year end to impact a higher number).

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To augment our on-site support, we are only able to fund an on-site part time counselor positon at this date, we have worked closely Stand by Me Delaware. This organization has held 3 evening family presentations on college accessibility, scholarship process and FASFA completion.

In addition we have had organization member hold a college essay writing workshop, in which all grade 12 cadets participated. Finally, Stand by Me offers individual support for cadets and families, and have helped us by visiting cadets during school time to help insure application requirements are progressing.

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DAPSS "planning" Plan

Delaware Goes To College

Tentative Planning Team

Name	Position	Note - D. I
Charles Hughes	Head of School	Note or Role
Erica Holt	Assistant Head of School	
Lisa Lopez	Part-time school counselor	*Depending on Enrollment 2015-16 FTE
Jill Henebry	Part-time school counselor	* Depending on Enrollment 2015-16 FTE
John Zebley	12 th grade English Teacher	2015-101 TE
Melissa Rhein	12 th grade Math Teacher	
Brendan Coughlan	12 th grade Social Studies Teacher	
Karen Patterson	Special Education Teacher	
Parent	TBA	
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Implementation Planning Objective and Timeline

Who	Objective	Actions	Estimated time	Est. Date
Full Committee	Introduction and review of grant application requirements	SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) analysis of our current "ready for college efforts Record results in one of 3 areas: a. College Access b. College Success c. College Affordability	3 Hours	Early March
Full Committee	. Review SWOT results and response record	Gain consensus which can address key strengths and mitigate weaknesses Develop a priority ranking of school actions in the following areas:	3 hours	Mid-March

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		a. College Access b. College Success c. College Affordability				
Full Committee	Meet with Stand By Me Delaware	Share results of priority list to determine points of cooperation	3 hours	Prior to Spring Break		
Full Committee Include Business Manager	Calendar & Budget Plan	Establish a calendar of events and objectives which meets demands of grant rubric. Build a budgetary impact scale which reflects grant funding, plus site resources	3 hours	Mid-April		
2-3 Nominated Members of Committee	Write formal grant proposal		10 hours	Mid-April –May		
Full Committee	Review submission	Review edit and sharpen submission	3 hours	First week of May		
	Submit			By May 15,2015		

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