

# Putting the Puzzle Together: Integrating Resources for a Comprehensive Dropout Prevention Program

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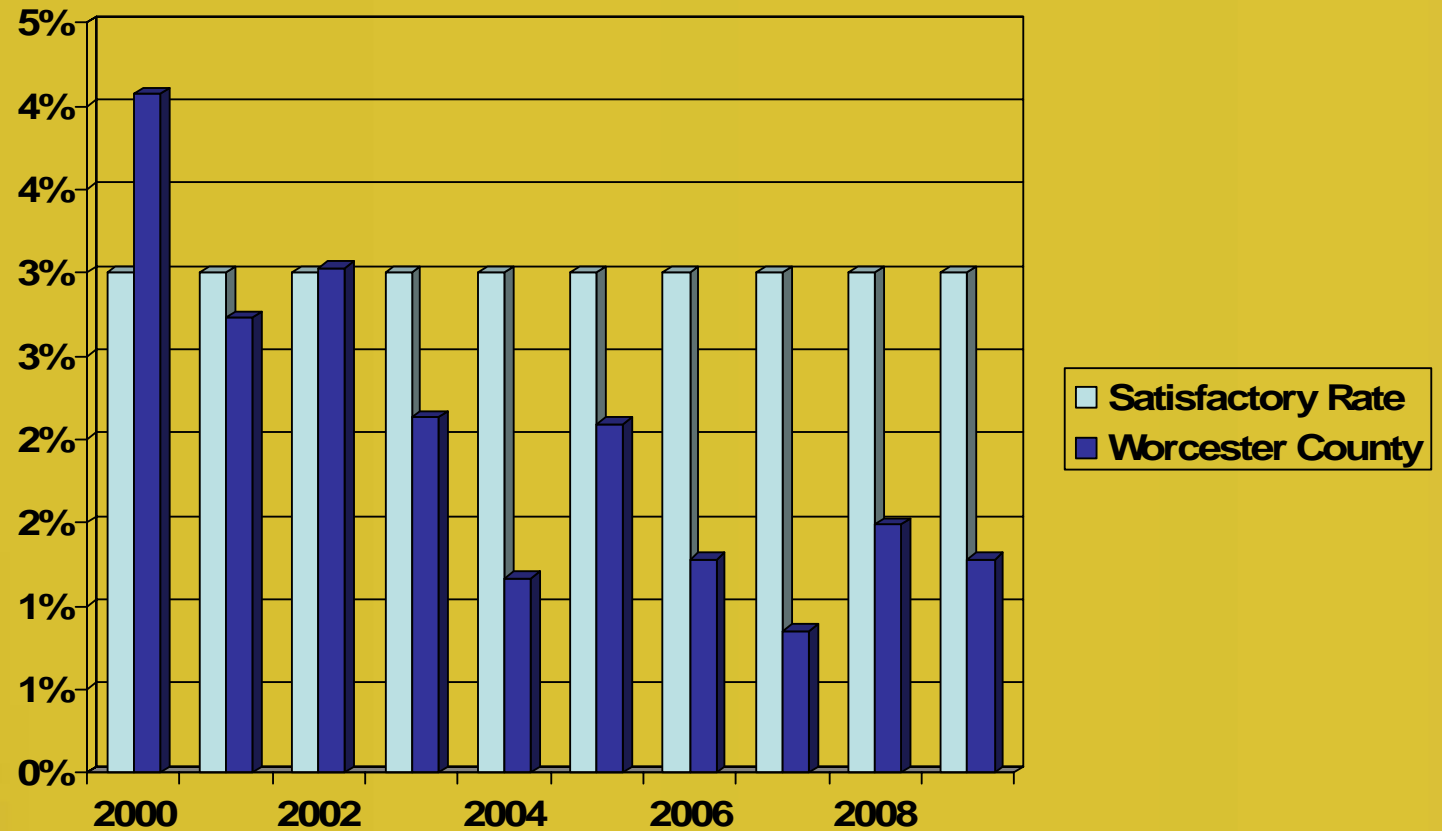


# WCPS Student Demographics

- 6,745 Total Students in Grades Pre-K through 12
  - Am. Indian/ AK Native 30
  - African American 1,564
  - Asian/Pac. Islander 103
  - White 4,797
  - Hispanic 251
- Male 3,454 Female 3,291
- ELL 189
- 14 Schools
  - 5 Elementary Schools
  - 1 Intermediate School
  - 3 Middle Schools
  - 3 Comprehensive High Schools
  - 1 Technical High School
  - 1 Special School
- Three Areas: Northern, Central, Southern



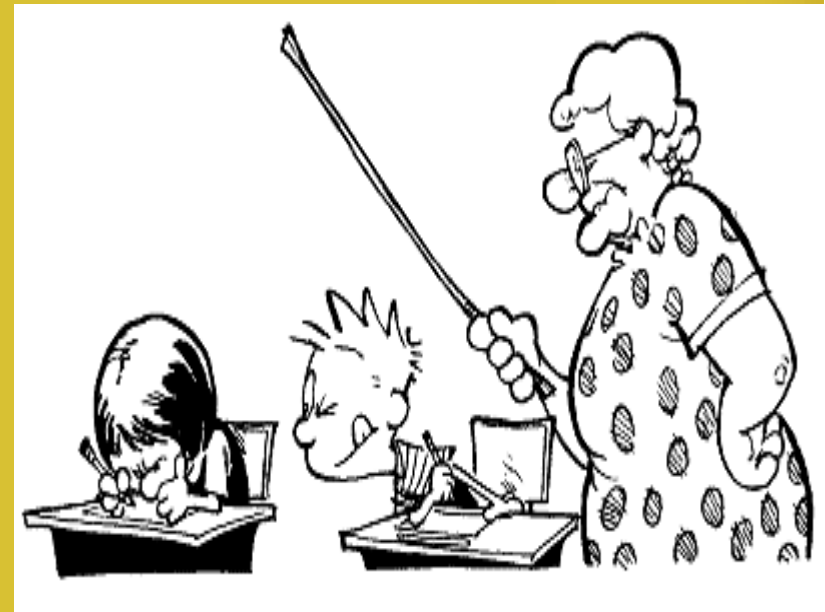
# Worcester County Dropout Rate





# Dropout Prevention Begins in Kindergarten

- Creating a sense of belonging
- Creating a sense of respect for learning, for our environment and for each other
- Creating positive attitudes and dispositions
- Creating a sense of competency



# ***JOB DESCRIPTION: HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT***

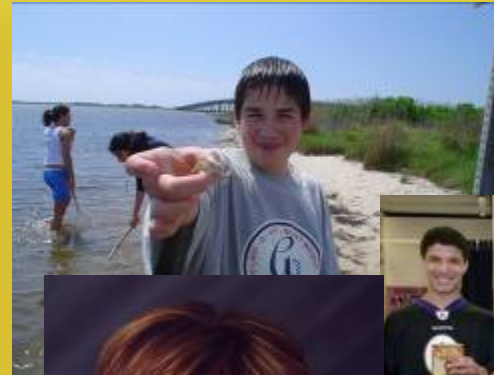


- Arrive on time and attend school every day
- Be a good citizen
- Understand and demonstrate mastery of the VSC in all courses
- Collaborate with peers and teachers to complete tasks
- Interpret results from class assessments to improve performance in courses
- Understand Maryland High School Graduation Requirements and develop an individualized learning plan to meet these requirements
- Assist guidance counselors with class scheduling
- Pass the HSA's
- Involve your parents in your education
- Complete employment, college, and scholarship applications
- Schedule study time, extra curricular activities, employment, and service learning activities in an efficient manner to allow for a social life
- Decide what you are going to do for the rest of your life



# People Make the Difference!

- Superintendent
- In the School
  - Teachers
  - Administrators
  - Other School Staff
  - Parents
- In the District
  - Student Services Specialists
  - Central Office Staff
- In the Community
  - Health Department
  - Juvenile Services
  - Drug Court
  - Truancy Court
  - Social Services
  - Employers





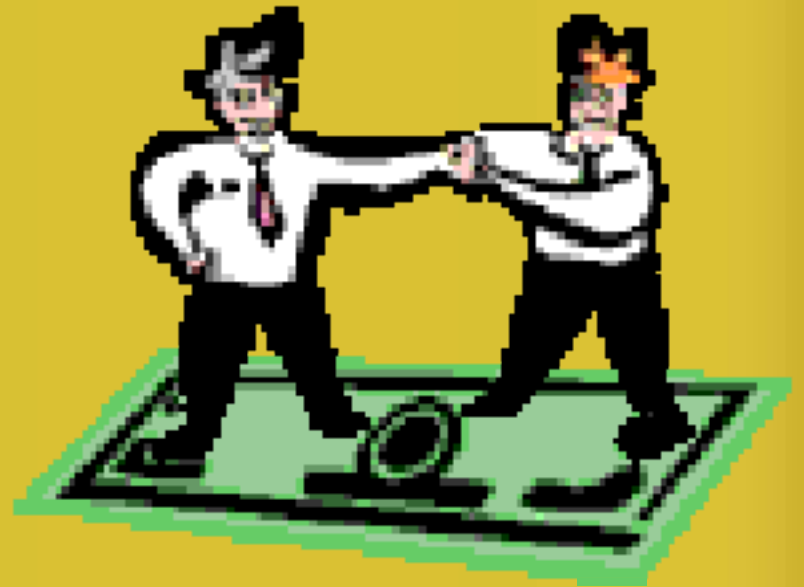
# Dropout Prevention and Recovery Program

- Special Education/ELL Programs
- Individualized Graduation Completion Plans
- Student Services Specialists
- Pupil Services Teams
- Alternative Programs
- Credit Recovery Program
- Night School Program
- Worcester County Health Dept. Counselors
- Extra Curricular Activities
- PBIS
- Mentoring
- Just for Girls/Just for Guys
- After School Academies
- Worcester Technical High School Programs
- Internship/Employment Experience Programs
- Summer Employment
- Summer School Programs
- GED



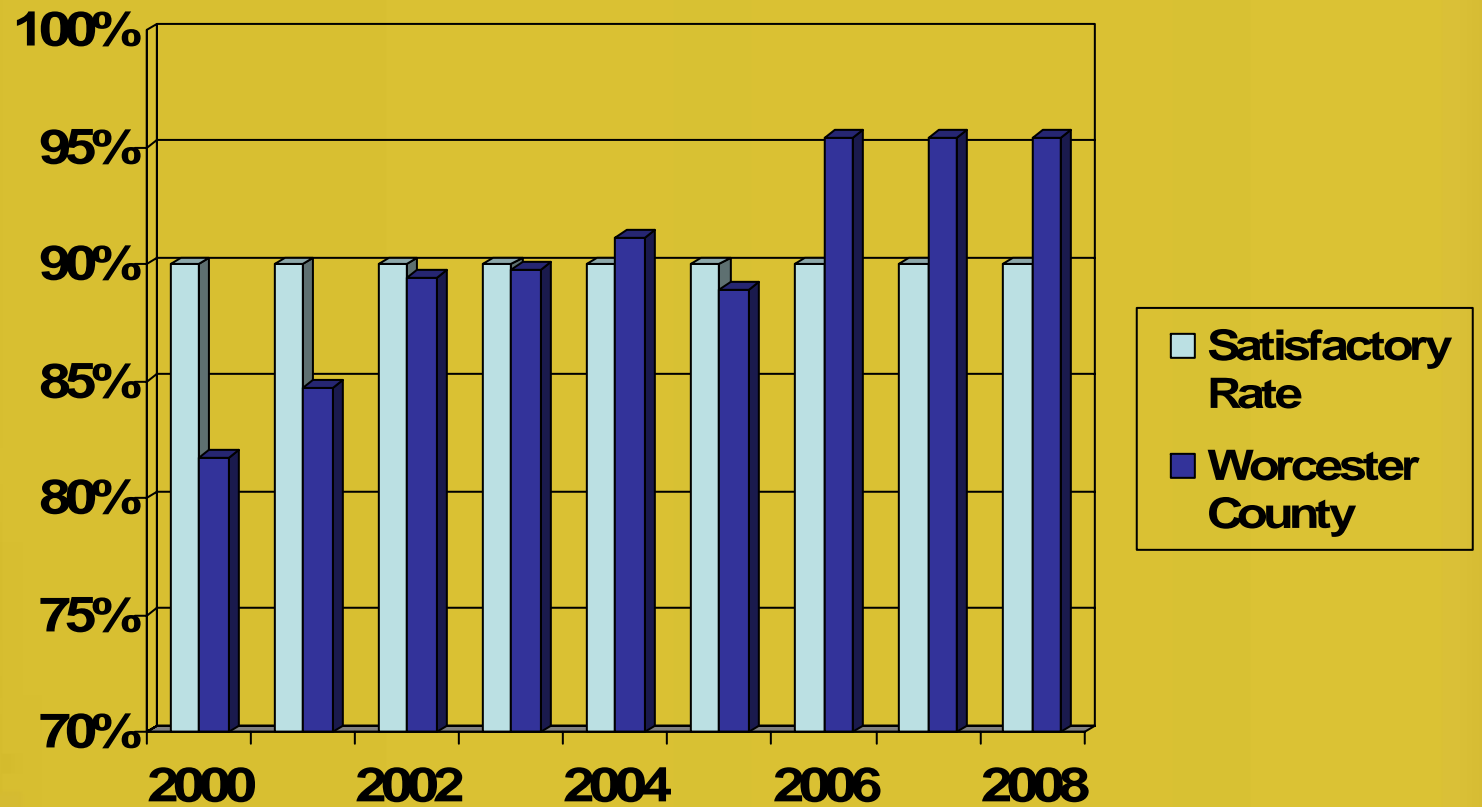
# Funding

- Local Funding
- Bridge to Excellence
- Workforce Investment Act (Youth Employment)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Centers
- Service Learning
- Title III
- Title I (3 elementary schools)
- American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA)
  - Summer Youth Employment
  - Special Education





# Graduation Rate – The Real Deal



# What Graduation Completion Looks Like

- Saday
- Ryan
- Amanda
- Mike



*Thank You!*



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