



Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School

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GRADE LEVELS: 9-12

ENROLLMENT: 1,187

PRINCIPAL: Carolyn Pearson

SUPERINTENDENT: Dr. Richard Gross

Principal's Comments

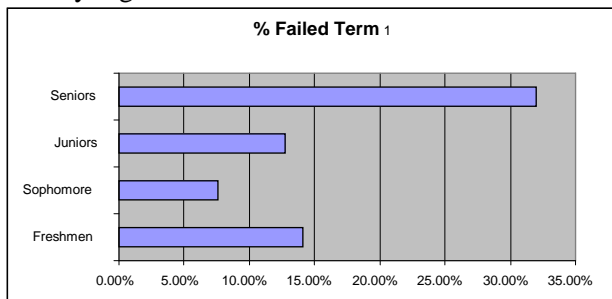
The students of Bristol-Plymouth are fortunate to have a Career and Student Services Department that is staffed with guidance counselors who are dedicated to providing high quality services to all students. I am continually impressed with the close and effective relationships that these counselors develop with the students.

Our guidance counselors consistently collect and analyze data in order to be proactive in averting potential problems in student achievement and school safety. They are committed to the implementation of the Massachusetts Model for School Counseling Programs and they have my full support in this endeavor. I am confident that utilizing this model, our counselors, will make our program even more comprehensive and effective. As principal, I am proud to work with these highly motivated, energetic and dedicated professionals.

Carolyn Pearson

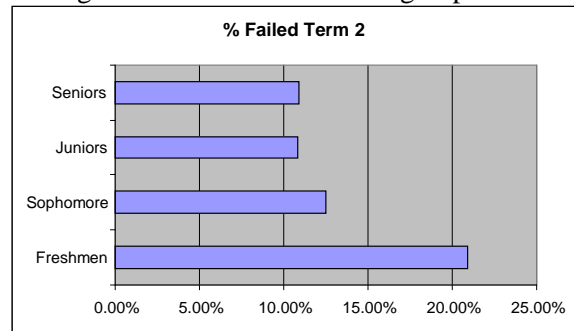
Student Results

Analyzing data is an essential piece of the Guidance Curriculum. We use this data to implement interventions for student achievement and success. One example of our use of data came upon reviewing **1st quarter grades**: The failure rate for the senior class was notably higher.



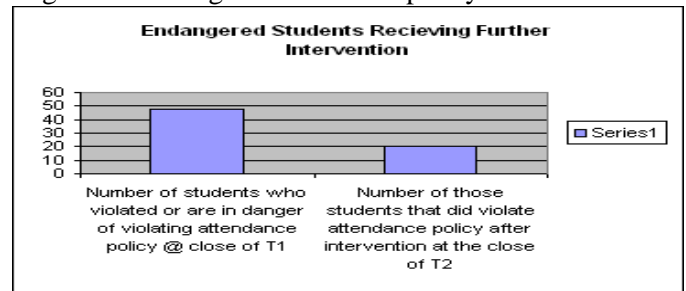
Based on this data, a lesson plan was initiated with the senior class regarding managing multiple priorities and developing strategies for energizing and motivating themselves. Pre and post tests were included in the curriculum to ensure that the lesson was effective. Our goal was to decrease senior class failure rate to under 20%.

Quarter 2 grades showed the following improvements:



Our results indicate a 17% drop in the senior class failure rate, proving the counselors' interventions a success.

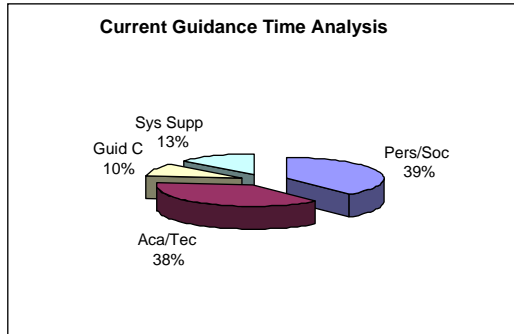
Student **attendance** at Bristol-Plymouth is seen as essential to gaining the knowledge and success needed for grade promotion and graduation. The counseling staff at Bristol-Plymouth works feverishly to ensure that every student is present for the education that he/she deserves. Group prevention, individual meetings, letters and phone calls are just a few of the ways that the counselors work with the student body to prevent attendance violations. At the close of Term 1, further intervention is provided to those students who may be in danger of violating the attendance policy.



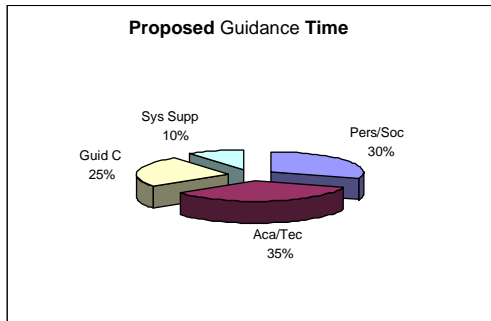
Every student at Bristol-Plymouth meets the state mandated 95% attendance rate for promotion and graduation. This is in part due to counselor intervention and the Directed Studies Saturday School program for those students requiring make-up days.

Focus for Improvement

In light of the implementation of the Massachusetts Department of Education Guidance Curriculum, the Bristol-Plymouth school counselors collected data to illustrate how we currently make use of our time.

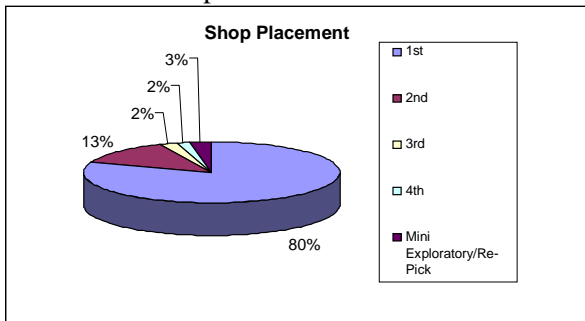


Approximately 39% of our time is spent on personal/social issues and crisis intervention. Because of the nature of these issues, the number of students that take up that time is small in comparison to the number of students seen for academic/technical support. Our focus for improvement in the guidance department is to more closely align how our time is spent with state recommendations. Increasing the time spent on guidance curriculum would provide the best opportunity to meet the needs of our whole student population. In an effort to meet this goal, the counseling department will make more outside referrals for school based counseling, implement further group curriculum and make use of the new career center.



Major Achievements

Freshman Shop Placement: All Freshman are able to explore their 1st & 2nd shop choices. For the 2008/2009 school year 80% of students were permanently placed in their first choice shop!

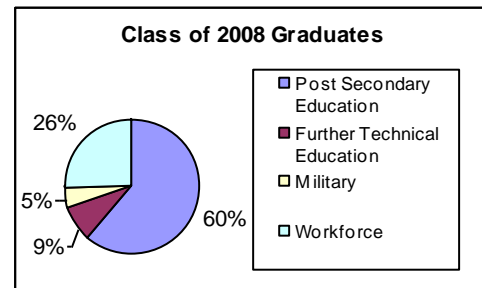


Career Center: Be on the lookout for the most recent addition to our school, The Bristol-Plymouth Career Center! The goal of the Career Center is to facilitate the process of allowing students to begin to dream big about their futures and create goals to fulfill those dreams. Bristol-Plymouth students and alumni will make use of a number of resources at the Career Center, including resume writing, interviewing techniques, preparing for college and job search assistance. With our national unemployment rate on the rise, we believe it's crucial that we assist our students with their post-secondary plans, be they college or directly into the workforce. However, it doesn't end there. We are committed to assisting our students continually, as they grow into dedicated professionals in their career and trade areas.



Approximately \$17,000 will be awarded in scholarship funds to the class of 2009!

Bristol-Plymouth graduates are successful members of our society! Many go on to two or four year colleges, others, directly into the workforce.



Student Support Personnel Team

The counseling sector of the Bristol-Plymouth Student Services Department is made up of dedicated, diligent, caring professionals. The team partners with families, teachers, administrators and other outside agencies in pursuit of fostering the utmost success for each and every one of our students.

- Karen Barrar, M.Ed.**, Pupil Services Administrator
- Naomi Davis, M.Ed.**, Coordinator of Guidance & Career Center
- Tina Bennett, M.Ed.**, School Adjustment/Guidance Counselor
- Glenn Lopes, M.Ed.**, Guidance Counselor
- Marjorie Magny-Black, MSW, LICSW**, School Adjustment/Guidance Counselor
- Megan McGraw, M.Ed., LMHC**, School Adjustment/Guidance Counselor
- Elise Rodrigues**, Student Services Secretary