

Workshop 1: Eyes on the Graduation Prize**Extended Project****Proposal to Keep Students in School**

Make students an offer they can't refuse.

Project: Work in groups to write a proposal for keeping kids in school.

Procedure

1. **Generate ideas.** List ideas for possible programs to help keep kids in school. Here are some suggestions:

- Connect students with adult or peer mentors.
- Invite speakers to talk about education and problems of dropouts.
- Create a “working” library that features profiles of people in high-interest jobs.

Write a few ideas of your own.

2. **Organize and write a first draft.** Divide your proposal into sections:

- **What and Why:** Write a paragraph describing your project. Tell why you think it would help students stay in school.
- **How:** List the steps needed to get your program started.
- **Who:** Include the names of people or groups that could help or participate.

3. **Revise your proposal.** Read the proposal aloud in your group. Ask yourselves: Is it clear? Did you include enough details? Work together to make any changes.

4. **Present your work.** Write the final draft on a computer. Think of a catchy name for the program. Use bullets to draw attention to the main points. Attach a list of materials and resources you will need.

Then make an appointment to see the principal and present your proposal in person.