

Activity Ideas from the Field: Saturday Academy

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<p>AUDIENCE:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> All Students <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All GU Students <input type="checkbox"/> DREAMers <input type="checkbox"/> English Language Learners <input type="checkbox"/> Families <input type="checkbox"/> First Generation Youth <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Schools <input type="checkbox"/> Students with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Underrepresented Minorities <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Experiencing Homelessness <input type="checkbox"/> Youth In Foster Care <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <p>GRADE LEVEL: 7 <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 11 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p> <p>SERVICE TYPE:</p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> College Applications <input type="checkbox"/> College Goal Washington <input type="checkbox"/> College Visits <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Mentoring <input type="checkbox"/> Counseling & Advising <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Field Trips <input type="checkbox"/> Family Events <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Financial Aid & Financial Literacy <input type="checkbox"/> Job Shadowing <input type="checkbox"/> Rigorous Academic Curriculum <input type="checkbox"/> Student & Family Orientation <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Programs <input type="checkbox"/> Tests & Test Preparation Workshop <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tutoring & Homework Assistance	<p>THEME:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Advisories <input type="checkbox"/> Attendance <input type="checkbox"/> Career Exploration <input type="checkbox"/> CCSS <input type="checkbox"/> Collective Impact <input type="checkbox"/> College Bound Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> College match/selection <input type="checkbox"/> College-Going Culture <input type="checkbox"/> Community College <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit Retrieval <input type="checkbox"/> Dropout Prevention/Reengagement <input type="checkbox"/> Early Warning Systems <input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Essays <input type="checkbox"/> Family engagement <input type="checkbox"/> Games <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Graduation Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Guest Speakers <input type="checkbox"/> Health/Wellness <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership for college readiness <input type="checkbox"/> Partnerships <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scholarships <input type="checkbox"/> Social & Emotional Learning <input type="checkbox"/> STEM <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting undocumented students <input type="checkbox"/> Test preparation <input type="checkbox"/> Transitions <input type="checkbox"/> Using data and evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Working in rural schools Other: _____	<p>GOAL: Provide students extra time outside of the normal school week to complete homework, also to make up seat time missed for Odyssey (online classes). Students with excessive absences and tardies are required to attend the Saturday academy to make up time and assignments.</p> <p>ACTIVITY OVERVIEW: Saturday Academy is held every Saturday from 8 AM-Noon at CATS Academy in Toppenish.</p> <p>PREP TIME: Posting job I, interviews, hiring, collecting time sheets, purchasing snacks, and assisting on days when lots of students are expected.</p> <p>MATERIALS NEEDED: Snacks for students</p> <p>COST: One teacher for 33 Saturdays x 4 hours per day, plus snacks for students</p> <p>PROCEDURE: Saturday Academy is open to all GEAR UP students grades 9-12. It's advertised in the school bulletin and announced every Friday afternoon before school is out. Site Coordinator picks up rosters on Monday morning from CATS Academy. Teachers who assign students to make up seat time missed during the school week receive a copy of the roster to verify students with absences/tardies are in attendances. Saturday Academy is also utilized to work on FAFSA, college applications, personal statements, and scholarships.</p>

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Eagle High School

Cesar Hernandez + Frank Harris

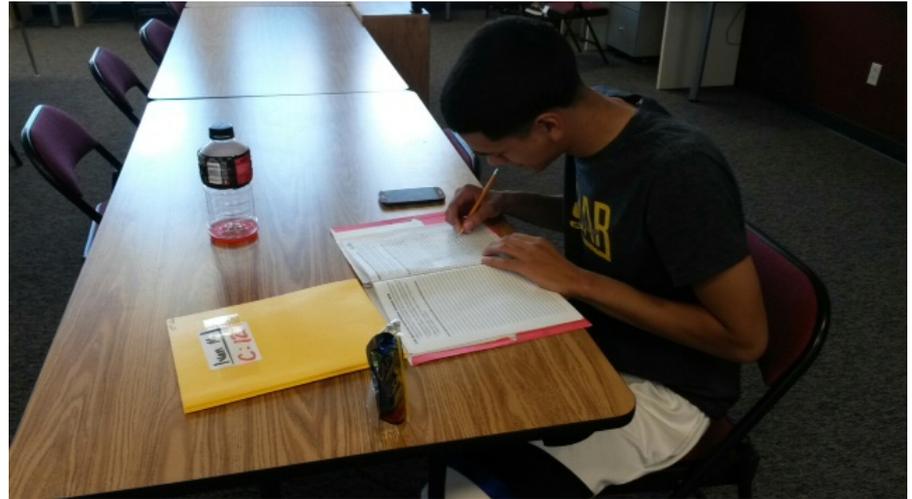
Purpose of Saturday Academy



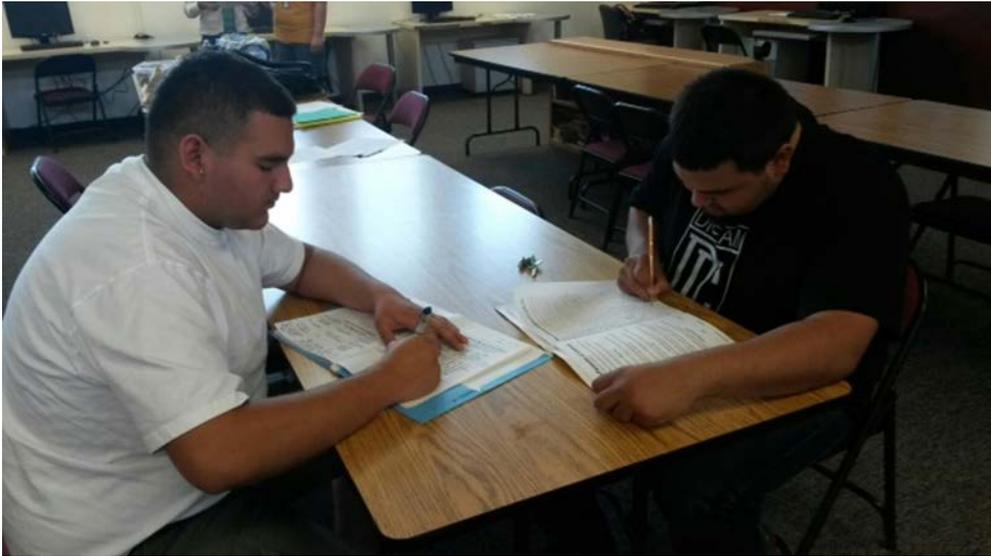
- Provide Eagle Students with a safe/central location to complete work.
- One-on-one time with a certified teacher.
- Opportunity to catch up on homework.
- Makeup seat time on Odyssey (online classes)

What you need for Saturday Academy

- Driven Teacher
- Computer/internet access
- Brain fuel
- Administration/Staff support
- Advertisement



Team



- All Eagle High school Students
- Gear Up and District hired certified teachers
- Gear Up Coordinator
- Graduation Specialist
- Eagle Principal and Teachers

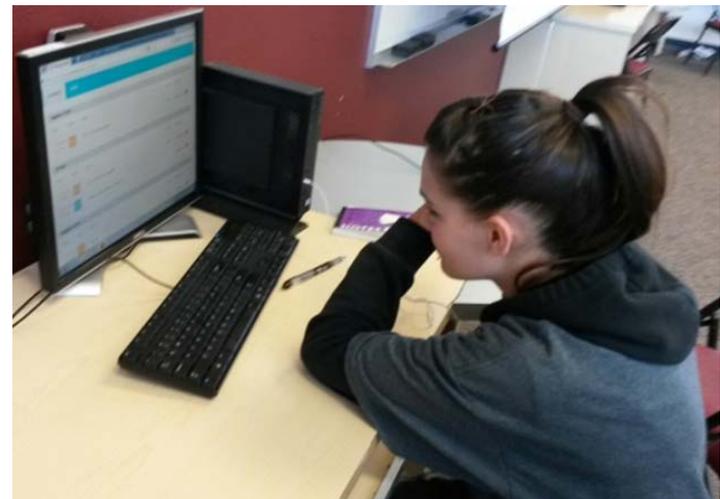
Improvement

- 15–25 Students
- Students who start attending Saturday Academy tend to continue.
- Students are bonding with other students
- They are utilizing this opportunity to extend or make up class time



Successes

- Attendance has gone up
- Teachers are more involved in recruiting students to attend.
- Positive environment
- College application/personal statements and FAFSA
- Scholarships



The End

