

Cape Elizabeth High School

Drop-Out Prevention:

We recognize our school cannot be a one-size fits all model. Any student who experiences detachment, has continued academic failure or has the perception that he or she is 'alone' is at risk of 'dropping out'.

Our Dropout Prevention program focuses on motivating and supporting the disengaged student[s] through care, strong communication, internal oversight, and a willingness to be creative with innovative programs, academic supports, schedules, and goal setting.

Our Goals:

- 1. Cultivate Positive Student Relationships:** Cape Elizabeth High School believes that all of our students are capable of achieving 'personal success'. Step one to gaining this success, and 'finding the best' version of themselves [while in our high school] is the cultivation of strong adult/student relationships.
- 2. Pay Attention to Warning Signs: *Open-communication from*** our Teachers, Advisors, Support Staff, Coaches, Administration, Guidance, School Resource Officer, & Social Work; & continuous ***Oversight*** by our Student Support Team—a weekly group meeting to provide and place ANY and ALL 'necessary' supports/resources
- 3. Individualized Intervention, Mentoring, Instruction, Tutoring & the addition of all Support[s]**
- 4. Give Students a Safe and Positive Place to Be**
- 5. Engage and Partner with Parents**
- 6. Make Learning Relevant, Expand Learning Opportunities, Provide Multiple Pathways for Graduation:** Think 'Work Study' opportunities; Internships; Portland Arts Regional Vocational/Technical Center [Paths]; Student Driven Learning opportunities; On-Line learning; Dual-Enrollment opportunities; making community connections; and service learning