



The National Partnership for Student Success

# Addressing Lost Instructional Time: Accelerating Learning & Thriving

Students, educators, schools, and communities have faced unprecedented challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Disruptions to school and life have contributed to widespread loss of instructional time, high rates of chronic absenteeism, and worsening mental health challenges among young people. For low-income students, Black and Latinx youth, English learners, and students with disabilities, the pandemic has widened long-standing education inequities and opportunity gaps.

The [National Partnership for Student Success](#) (NPSS)—a public-private partnership between the U.S. Department of Education, AmeriCorps, and the Everyone Graduates Center at Johns Hopkins University—is working in collaboration with a coalition of more than 100 organizations to address the impacts of lost instructional time and help close opportunity gaps as part of a holistic response to pandemic recovery. The NPSS launched in July 2022 alongside a call to action from President Biden for an additional 250,000 Americans to become tutors, mentors, student success coaches, post-secondary transition coaches, and wraparound or integrated student support coordinators to support students and youth. To help accomplish this goal, the NPSS is working to help schools, districts, nonprofits, and state and local government agencies implement, expand, or improve programs that support volunteers, employees, or AmeriCorps members in five key roles that research indicates are associated with improved math and reading achievement and graduation rates, reductions in chronic absenteeism, and improved student well-being and mental health.

- **HIGH-IMPACT TUTORS.** [High-impact tutoring](#) leads to substantial learning gains for students—[particularly](#) low-income students—by supplementing their classroom experiences. Research has consistently shown that [high-quality tutoring](#) can produce about five months of additional learning. [High-impact tutoring programs](#) typically cultivate positive tutor-student relationships and provide a consistent, trained, and supported tutor at least three times per week who delivers content aligned with school curriculum.
- **MENTORS.** Research confirms that quality [mentoring](#) relationships have powerful [positive effects](#). Young people with [strong mentors](#) are more likely to attend and enroll in college and more likely to be connected to their school and community, which has other [long-lasting benefits](#).
- **POST-SECONDARY TRANSITION COACHES.** Many young people were pushed off their post-secondary college and/or career paths by the pandemic. These [coaches](#) support students by exposing them to college, helping with applications for financial aid, and navigating transitions out of high school and into post-secondary opportunities. Evidence indicates that supporting students through transitions out of high school and into college [improves college access](#), and [increases rates of college enrollment and persistence](#).
- **STUDENT SUCCESS COACHES.** [Research](#) has shown that [student success coaches](#), through activities such as one-on-one tutoring and small group instruction, have a positive impact on students and schools. Schools that partner with student success coaches are up to two to three times [more likely to improve](#) in English and math assessments. And there's evidence that student success coaches' focus on personalized learning and developmental relationships has an impact on [reducing the number of students](#) who are off track to high school graduation.
- **WRAPAROUND/INTEGRATED STUDENT SUPPORT COORDINATORS.** These [coordinators](#) help build strong connections and systems with community health, mental health, and social service providers. Coordinators have been [shown](#) to help students access the services they need to learn and thrive, especially in underserved communities that have been hit harder by the pandemic.

To get involved in this initiative or to learn more about each of these roles and other ways in which the NPSS is working to support pandemic recovery efforts, visit [partnershipstudentsuccess.org](https://partnershipstudentsuccess.org).

