

It Takes a Team

Purpose/Objective:

Participants will see that it takes input and responsibility from all stakeholders to guide students from the beginning of their education to their diploma. Participants will also see that not all students are the same and many need help and guidance at different times to get through their education.

Materials needed:

- Cut pipe to use as track for each team member
- Bucket of different types (sizes, textures, weight, etc) of balls to represent different students
- Index cards stating the job of each team member

Procedure:

1. Assign each team member a role in the educational process (teacher, administrator, support staff, community member, parent, etc)
2. Each team member gets a piece of the track to hold. Team members must work together to get each ball (student) through the entire track to the diploma. Team members cannot use any body parts to move the balls, only the track
3. Remind participants that we don't hand hold students, we guide them through our efforts, policies, procedures, guidelines, community involvement, etc.
4. 3 team members are assigned the role of Central Administration (places the ball on the track), Overseer (the State), and Superintendent (receives the ball at the end of the track in the 'diploma' box)
5. Discussion of the process and how each team worked toward the goal differently.