

# GATEWAY *to* COLLEGE NATIONAL NETWORK



*A nationally recognized education  
model serving dropout youth*



# **GATEWAY TO COLLEGE BACKGROUND**

# The Early College High School Initiative

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- ◆ Focus: first generation, low income, English language learners, and students of color
- ◆ Increase attainment of associate's degree or two years of college credit and opportunity to earn baccalaureate degree
- ◆ Sponsored by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in partnership with The Carnegie Corporation of New York, The Ford Foundation, and The W.K. Kellogg Foundation
- ◆ Coordinated by Jobs for the Future
- ◆ Hundreds of schools open around the country





# **GATEWAY TO COLLEGE PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

# Essential Elements Of Gateway To College

- ◆ Courses align to allow dual credit – high school and college
- ◆ Goal is to achieve a high school diploma and an AA/AS or significant college credit before students age out of the program





# Essential Elements Of Gateway To College

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- ◆ Program is funded through a K-12 and college collaboration
- ◆ Districts pass through a portion of per-pupil expenditure to pay for fees, books, and the cost of instruction
- ◆ Gateway to College programs meets state standards
- ◆ Gateway to College is an economical program using existing college infrastructure

# Essential Elements Of Gateway To College

- ◆ Teams of specialized adults collaborate to serve students:
  - Instructors skilled in K – 12 and college teaching
  - Resource specialists skilled in motivation, problem solving, academic advising, and social service referrals
  - Ongoing collaboration and communication promote student achievement and accountability
  
- ◆ Career majors (pathways) align high school completion requirements with college degree or certificate requirements



# Student Eligibility & Profile

- ◆ Between 16 and 20 years old\*
- ◆ Dropped out of school
- ◆ Behind in high school credits (for age and grade level)
- ◆ GPA of 2.0 or below
- ◆ Lives in an eligible school district
- ◆ Expressed goal to complete high school diploma

## Network-Wide

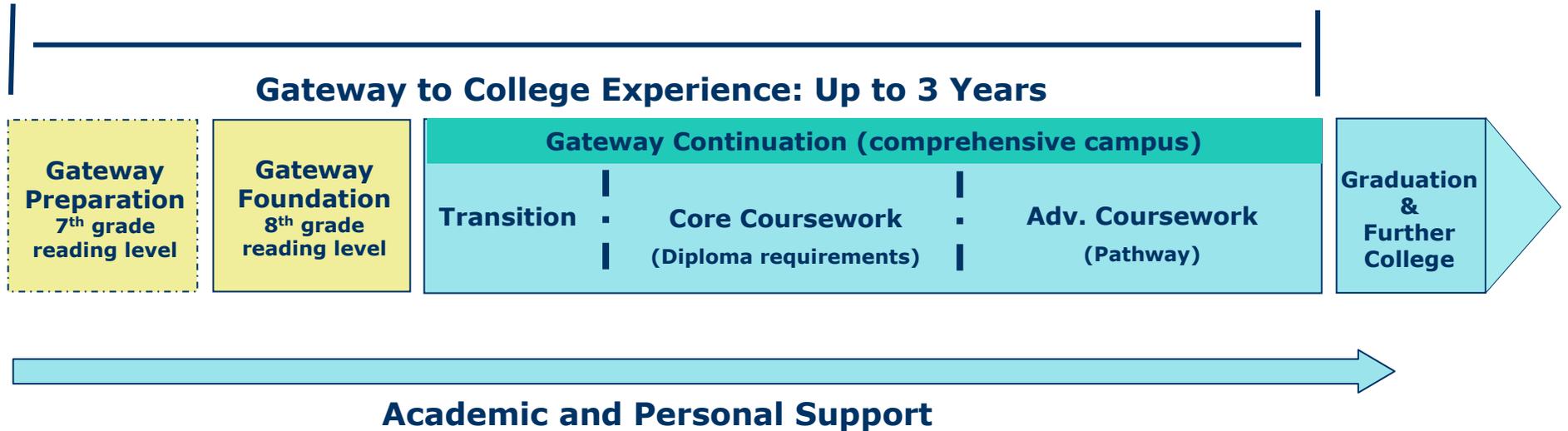
**Average Age**      **17.1 yrs**

**Average High School GPA**      **1.6**

**Average High School Credits**      **90**

\* upper age range may vary by state

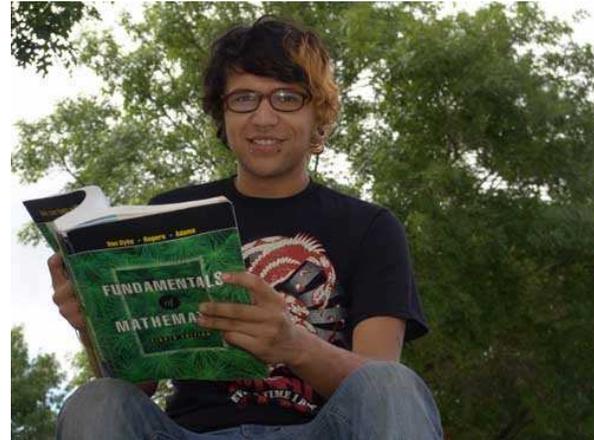
# Gateway to College Program Model



Currently an optional add-on after one year serving students

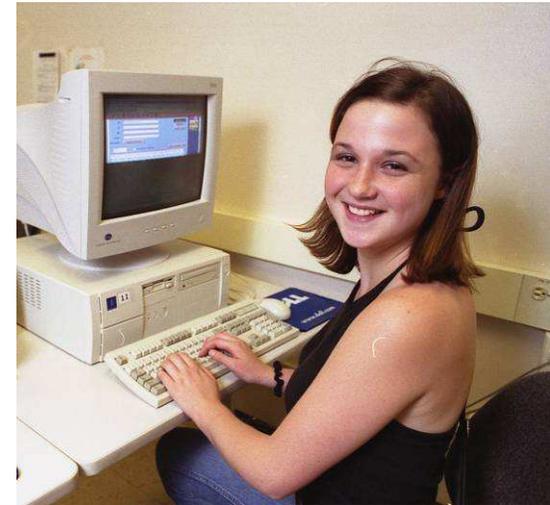
# The Foundation Experience

- ◆ Foundation courses;
  - Reading
  - Writing
  - Math
  - College Guidance
  - 2.5 hour weekly Academic Lab
  
- ◆ Average learning community size is up to 25 students
  
- ◆ Three to four hours of homework each day



# A Real Second Chance!

*“I’ve had a habit in the past to quit when I felt I couldn’t do it anymore. The Gateway to College program has taught me a lot about myself. I feel like I can do anything. Now I know that I have a place in this world and I will find it.”*





*When young people drop out of school, they – and the community at large – face multiple negative consequences*

# THE NEED FOR GATEWAY TO COLLEGE

# Dropout Crisis – Social & Economic Costs

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- ◆ Three quarters of state prison inmates are dropouts; as are 59% of federal inmates
- ◆ African American men are disproportionately incarcerated. Of all African American males dropouts in their early 30s, 52% have been imprisoned
- ◆ The U.S. death rate for persons with fewer than 12 years of education is 2.5 times higher than those with 13 years or more of education
- ◆ The earnings gap widens with years of schooling and formal training
- ◆ Dropouts are substantially more likely to rely on public assistance than those with a high school diploma
- ◆ In 2001, only 55% of young adult dropouts were employed, compared with 74% of high school graduates, and 87% of four-year college graduates

# Dropout Recovery Opportunities

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- ◆ Reclaim students by providing “A Real Second Chance”
- ◆ Build a stronger community
- ◆ Prepare the future workforce
- ◆ Contribute to building the local economy



# **GATEWAY @ LANEY COLLEGE**

# Timeline and Next Steps

Hiring GtC Team – Director and Counselor:  
December 2008

Laney & OUSD Partnership Agreement Finalized:  
February – March 2009

Laney & OUSD Alignment – Articulation Agreement,  
Budget, IT & Recruitment:  
March – August 2009

Recruitment & Student Selection:  
March – August 2009

Gateway to College Cohorts Begin:  
August 2009

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