Dropout Prevention Checklist

	Student	Parent	School Designee
I have met with my counselor to develop a plan based on my current age and			
credit situation, as well as to discuss what is keeping me from being successful			
in this school.			
I am choosing to drop out of school.			
I have not been asked to leave.			
I have met with my principal/assistant principal and have been informed that if I			
choose to withdraw from this school, I have the right to return and reenroll in an			
appropriate school option, unless I have been expelled for misconduct, until the			
age of 21.			
I have met with my principal/assistant principal and have also been informed			
that if I was accepted as a choice student that I have the same rights to district			
educational opportunities as all other Jeffco students.			
I have been given and have read "Facts about Dropping Out of School" and I			
understand that by dropping out I am putting myself at a disadvantage by			
making this choice.			
Either my counselor or principal/assistant principal has informed me of the			
options that I have in Jefferson County.			
I have received information about the Office of Dropout Prevention and			
Recovery which can help connect me to educational options and to community			
resources.			
I don't believe that there is anything at this time that can keep me in school.			
This form is not applicable – multiple attempts to contact the student and family			
were made utilizing all resources available with no success			

What is/are the primary reason(s) the student was not successful?

Substance Abuse		Family Problems		Student/Student conflict			
Student/teacher conflict		Marriage		Needed employment			
Failing classes		Pregnancy		Poor Attendance			
Boredom		Illness		Other:			
Student Name (please prir	it)		Signa	ature			
Parent Name (please print)		Signa	ature			
School Designee Name and Title (please pri	nt)		Signa	ature			
Iacknowledge that by dropping out of high school, I am voluntarily							

withdrawing from school. Under State law and JPS policy, enrolled students are entitled to a free, full-time public education until the age of 21 unless I graduate from high school, I am expelled for misconduct, or I withdraw from enrollment. By dropping out, I am withdrawing from enrollment.

This Form Must Be Faxed to the Office of Dropout Prevention and Recovery 303-982-7264

Facts about Dropping Out of School

Did you know...

the choice that you make right now...can drastically impact the rest of your life?

If you choose to stay in school it will be:

- easier for you to find work
- you'll be more likely to enjoy the work that you do
- you will earn more money
- you'll be less likely to live at home and more likely to buy a car or rent an apartment.

How much money will you earn?

- High school dropouts are four times as likely to be unemployed as those who have completed four or more years of college.
 - In 2001, 55% of young adult dropouts were employed, compared to 74% of high school graduates and 87% of college graduates.
- Graduating from high school will determine how well you live for the next 50 years of your life.
 - High school graduates earn \$143 more per week than high school dropouts.
 - College graduates earn \$336 more per week than high school graduates and \$479 more per week than high school dropouts.

What will be your quality of life?

- Dropouts are more likely to need public assistance (welfare) than graduates of high school.
- Dropouts comprise a disproportionate percentage of the nation's prison and death row inmates.
 82% of prisoners in America are high school dropouts
- Dropouts live on the average 9.2 years less that someone with a high school diploma.

74% of students who had dropped out of school said that if they were able to relive the experience, they would have stayed in school...*Can you blame them?*

The Office of Dropout Prevention and Recovery can help you find the school and the resources that will help you meet your goals. We can connect you to many educational options including alternative settings, an adult high school, online programs, community colleges, career programs, and to the GED.

Contact us today at 303-982-6559 or visit our website at <u>http://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/finish</u>