

# Whatever It Takes Graduate

## WHY?

### Because dropouts have said:

- 81% believe graduating from high school is important to success
- 74% wish they would have stayed in school
- 47% agreed it was hard to find a job without a diploma

### Why do students drop out?

- 47% classes aren't interesting
- 43% missed too many days of school and couldn't catch up
- 38% too much freedom, not enough rules
- 35% failing grades
- 32% to get a job and make money

### What to expect after dropping out.

1. low wages (in 2004)
  - a. high school dropout, \$20,592
  - b. high school diploma/GED, \$28,808
  - c. associate's degree, \$34,844
  - d. bachelor's degree, \$46,800
2. high unemployment (in 2001)
  - a. 55% of dropouts were employed
  - b. 74% of high school graduates were employed
  - c. 87% of four-year college graduates were employed
3. 75% of state prison inmates are dropouts
4. 59% of federal inmates are dropouts
5. need to rely on public assistance

### We need you in school!

“Cost to our nation is more than \$260 billion dollars, in lost wages, lost taxes and lost productivity over their lifetimes.”

Websites:

To help you stay in school visit <http://www.boostup.org/flash/index.html>

Source for data is [www.aypf.org](http://www.aypf.org) & [www.cherrycommission.org](http://www.cherrycommission.org)