Check & Connect (C&C) is an evidence-based intervention used with K-12 students who show warning signs of disengagement with school and who are at risk of dropping out. There are four core components to implementing C&C with fidelity —

1. Mentor
2. “Check”
3. “Connect”
4. Family Engagement

Of the dropout prevention interventions reviewed by the U.S. Department of Education’s What Works Clearinghouse, Check & Connect is the only program found to have strong evidence of positive effects on staying in school.

In a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS), C&C is implemented at Tier 2 and/or Tier 3.
Number of sites trained in C&C by state from 2009–June, 2020

The mentor to student ratio differs depending on type of C&C implementation.

1 teacher or staff
1 dedicated mentor
2-3 students
30-50 students

Mentor Time and Tasks

“Check” Enter and analyze Attendance, Behavior, and Course performance data

“Connect” Meet 1:1 with student

Other activities Engage families Collaborate with school staff Refer to resources

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PRODUCTS & TRAINING

Implementation Manual
A guide to the theoretical foundations, components, elements, and steps for implementing Check & Connect.

Trainings
Online and/or on-site options.

Preparation & Implementation
Mentor Training

Comprehensive Implementation
Fidelity of Implementation

C&C App
• Supports student progress & success
• Reduces paperwork & saves time
• Creates visual data reports
• Guides mentors to engage families
• Enhances implementation of fidelity

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