

# RESEARCH BRIEF

## REDUCING HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT THROUGH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Childhood poverty is a significant barrier to academic achievement. Recent research, including the study described here, has identified the importance of addressing these barriers in elementary school to reduce high school dropout rates.

Childhood poverty is manifested in food insecurity, housing instability, chronic health conditions, inadequate medical care and insurance, lack of access to enriching activities, and stress on families, among many other conditions. These are interconnected and each one impacts the other. The demand for a comprehensive approach to supporting these children is clear.

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Evidence from a large-scale longitudinal quasi-experimental study. Students in the treatment group enrolled in Kindergarten or grade 1. Similarly, students in the comparison group enrolled in the district



With respect to high school drop-out in particular,

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