

**Title:** Destination 2010 Evaluation Project

Destination 2010 (D2010) is an achievement and scholarship initiative of the Minneapolis Foundation, which identified 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes in seven high-risk schools in Minneapolis and St. Paul in the spring of 2001 and offered scholarships for students who graduate from high school and attend either four-year or two-year post-secondary education. The Destination 2010 initiative is designed to:

- increase the high school graduation rates and post-secondary enrollment of selected at-risk students in Minneapolis and St. Paul Public Schools;
- provide academic and social support to the students, their peers, and their families;  
and
- help influence reformation efforts of the two school districts.

The Destination 2010 initiative is entering its fourth year of existence. Students in Destination 2010 are currently in the sixth grade.

The D2010 evaluation project, conducted by the Gamble-Skogmo Chair, provides a formative evaluation for the initiative. The evaluation project has designed research methods and protocol; developed, along with the Initiative, data collection procedures; conducted initial analysis of student and initiative data; and prepared quarterly and annual reports. In the final year of the Gamble-Skogmo Chair's participation with the Destination 2010 evaluation project, documentation of established procedures and analyses will be completed and a smooth transition will be made to another organization for the remaining years of initiative.