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Fresno Unified signs on to minority student achievement plan

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Fresno Unified and six other large California school districts are making a commitment to young boys of color as part of a nationwide initiative promoted by President Barack Obama.

Obama's "My Brother's Keeper" plan aims to improve academic achievement among low-income and minority young men by targeting them early for advanced programs and increasing high school graduation rates.

Those efforts will begin as early as preschool, said a statement from the Council of the Great City Schools, the national group that's backing the plan.

Reducing absences, suspensions and expulsions are also part of the group's goal. Fresno Unified and the other districts involved say they'll keep data to track student progress.