



Webinar 2: Engaged: Using Summer to Connect with Students and Families

Attendance Awareness Campaign Webinar #2 Discussion Guide
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Below are a suggested set of discussion questions for schools and communities to reflect upon insights gained from this webinar. Feel free to use some or all of the questions to prompt a rich conversation about how to take action.

1. Establishing a Team:

- a. Do you have a team of school and community stakeholders who can develop and implement an engagement strategy that leverages activities during the summer months to create bridges to school?
- b. How might you involve students and families in the design of summer activities as well as planning for the return to school in the fall?

2. Identifying and Reaching Out to Priority Groups:

- a. Are there any particular groups of students in your school or community who missed a lot of school during the past school year due to chronic absence, losing contact with the school district or delaying enrollment in school last year? If so, who are they? Are they from particular grades or student groups? Are they concentrated in particular schools or neighborhoods? What do you know about their strengths and attendance barriers?

3. Summer Programming for Engagement and Relationship Building.

- a. What insights did you gain from the speakers on the webinar about how to create enriching summer activities that get students engaged in learning?
- b. Who should and could be working together in your community to create enriching and engaging summer activities?
- c. How will you ensure that the students who have experienced the most challenges during the past school year benefit from enriching summer activities?