

Keep Kids Engaged and Showing Up for Learning: Relationships, Routines and Partnerships

Attendance Awareness Campaign Webinar #1 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. Chronic absence in your community

- a. What are the levels of chronic absence in your community?
- b. Are there particular grades, schools or student groups who are especially affected by chronic absence? What do you know about their strengths and challenges?

2. Attendance Messaging

- a. Are you messaging about why showing up matters to students? What is working? What could be better?
- b. How might you use the <u>Showing Up Matters for R.E.A.L. Toolkit</u>?

3. Recruiting partners to support engagement and attendance:

a. Are there partners in your community who can help to provide programming and services for the students and families in your school or district? How might you engage them?

4. Summer Engagement

- a. Do you have plans for summer engagement?
- b. Are there students who were chronically absent that should be recruited to summer programming?