

Outline & Resources

Session 1, Group 2: Whole School Engagement Strategies for Reducing Student Absenteeism

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This is an outline of the resources found in the presentation slides. [Download the slides here.](#)

Slide #	Content
1-2	Welcome, Tech Support & Introductions
3-11	Why does attendance matter? Expanding the definition of “attendance”. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 10 Facts about School Attendance ● Summary of Key Research ● Key Concepts for Leveraging Chronic Absence During the Coronavirus Pandemic ● Monitoring Attendance in Distance Learning (additional attendance measures) ● Expanded Attendance Metrics
12	Poll: What attendance measures does your school/district track?
13-15	Positive Conditions for Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Research brief: Using Chronic Absence Data to Improve Conditions for Learning ● Video: Relationships are Essential
16-21	Building Your Multi-Tiered System of Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3 Tiers of Intervention Pyramid (Blank worksheet, sample filled in pyramid, and foundational supports) ● Kaiser Permanente Playbook for Healthy Communities
22-23	Schoolwide Strategies for Prevention: Three high leverage strategies <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Warm and Welcoming Environment 2. Positive Relationship with Students & Families 3. Clear expectations and communication about attendance
24-32	Strategy 1: Warm and Welcoming Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School Climate Elements (handout for discussion groups)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Research on school climate and attendance ● Video: A Positive School Climate Can Motivate Students to Show Up to School Even When it is Hard ● Scan of Environment and Attendance Tool (SEAT)
33-39	<p>Strategy 2: Positive Relationships with Students & Families</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Example of relational home visits: Parent Teacher Home Visits ● Example of mentoring: MENTOR and virtual mentor portals, Peer Group Connections, Success Mentor ● Pathways to Engagement: A Toolkit for Covid-19 Recovery Through Attendance ● From the Flamboyant Foundation: Beginning of the Year Relationship Building: A Strategy Guide for Educators ● From America’s Promise -- resources to work with teens ● From FutureEd and Attendance Works: Attendance Playbook and implementation guide
40-50	<p>Strategy 3: Clear Expectations & Communication about Attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AdCouncil research: What do families of chronically absent students understand about attendance? ● Video: A Parent’s Perspective: Olga Nunez ● Work with Students and Families to Create a Success Plan ● Create a Communications Plan: district planning worksheet, communications tips and strategies for connecting with students & families ● Sample year-round planning calendars ● Handouts for Families (in English and Spanish) ● Sign up for Attendance Awareness Campaign 2021
51	<p>Poll: Which of the following strategies for communicating with families about attendance do you already implement?</p>
52	<p>Additional resources from Attendance Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Handouts for Families ● Sign up for the 2021 Attendance Awareness Campaign
53-54	<p>Q&A</p>
55	<p>Evaluation Survey https://app.upmetrics.com/data_collector/ckf2oltbqlt8k0759tfdbfybj</p>

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58-63	Appendix: Additional Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Attendance Playbook: Covid Edition● 3 Tiers of Intervention: Blank pyramid and sample filled-in pyramid● America's Promise Alliance: Consideration and FAQs for Leaders Managing the High School Experience During Covid-19