

Outline & Resources

Session 1, GROUP 4: Whole School Engagement Strategies for Reducing Student Absenteeism Thursday, September 23, 2021

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

Slide #	Content
1-2	Welcome, Tech Support & Introductions
3-12	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
13	Poll: What attendance measures does your school/district track?
14-16	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
17-22	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

23-24	<p>Schoolwide Strategies for Prevention: Three high leverage strategies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Warm and Welcoming Environment 2. Positive Relationship with Students & Families 3. Clear expectations and communication about attendance
25-34	<p>Strategy 1: Warm and Welcoming Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School Climate Elements (handout for discussion groups) ● 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)
35-41	<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
42-55	<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 ● Update Your Communications with Families for Back to School 2021-22 ● Sample year-round planning calendars ● Handouts for Families (in English and Spanish) ● Sign up for Attendance Awareness Campaign 2021

56	<p>Additional resources from Attendance Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handouts for Families • Sign up for the 2021 Attendance Awareness Campaign
57	Q&A
58-59	<p>Review of Learning Goals & Class Evaluation</p> <p>Evaluation Survey https://app.upmetrics.com/data_collector/ckf2oltbqilt8k0759tfdbfybj</p>
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61-67	<p>Appendix: Additional Resources</p> <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