

Session 1: Whole School Engagement Strategies for Reducing Student Absenteeism

Follow-up to Class 1 of 3 February 10, 2021 (Group 3): Outline and Resources

Download the presentation slides here: <https://www.attendanceworks.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Session-1-Whole-School-Strategies-v7.pdf>

Slides 1-5	Welcome & Introductions
Slides 6-13	<p>Why does attendance matter? Expanding the definition of “attendance”.</p> <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
Slides 14-16	<p>Positive Conditions for Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Research brief: Using Chronic Absence Data to Improve Conditions for Learning ● Video from America’s Promise: Voices of Young People
Slides 17-20	<p>Building Your Multi-Tiered System of Support</p> <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
Slides 21-22	<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

Slides 23-28	<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
Slides 29-34	<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 ● 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
Slides 35-48	<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
Slide 49	<p>Evaluation Survey</p>
Slide 50	<p>Contact information for presenters:</p> <p>Cecelia Leong, Vice President for Programs cecelia@attendanceworks.org</p> <p>Sue Fothergill, Director of Strategic Programming sue@attendanceworks.org</p>
Slides 51-57	<p>Appendix: Additional Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attendance Playbook: Covid Edition

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 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 |
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