Outline & Resources

Session #1: Fall 2023
Whole School Engagement Strategies for Reducing Student Absenteeism

Louisiana (High Schools), Group 1
Tuesday, August 1, 2023

This is an outline of the resources found in the presentation slides.
- Watch the recording of Session 1
- Download the presentation slides
- Download the chat file

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1-2	**Welcome, Tech Support & Introduction of Speakers**
3-6	**Series Overview, Learning Goals, Icebreaker**
7-15	**Overview of Chronic Absence** ------------------ **Additional Resources about Chronic Absence** ● PACE report: Disparities in Unexcused Absences Across California Schools ● Chronic Absence vs. Truancy

16-24	**The Key to Improving Attendance is a Tiered Approach**
	● 3 Tiers of Intervention
	● Research brief: Using Chronic Absence Data to Improve Conditions for Learning
	● Investing in Adolescents: High School Climate and Organizational Context Shape Student Development and Educational Attainment, April 2023, University of Chicago Consortium on School Research
	● Video: What promotes positive conditions for learning?
	● Strategies to address school & community safety
	  ○ SEL - 3 Signature Practices Playbook (from CASEL)
	● Resources to address school & community safety
	  ○ The Walking School Bus: Combining Safety, Fun and the Walk to School
	  ○ National Child Traumatic Stress Network

	○ National Association of School Psychologists ○ Making caring common project: Relationship Mapping Strategy ○ Collaborative for Academic and Social Emotional Learning (CASEL) ○ The SEARCH Institute ○ Building Assets, Reducing Risk (BARR) ○ National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments ○ ROCA
25-26	**Strategies that address Academic Challenge and Engagement**
27	**Belonging, Connections, and Support Strategies that address academic challenge and engagement**
28	**Small Group Discussion (Belonging, Connections and Support)** *(5-6 people per group)*
29	**Report Out – in Chat**
30-33	**Relationships are Essential at Every Level of Intervention** ● Video: Making a Habit of Warm Welcomes in the Classroom ● How to Guide Relationship Mapping ● 2x10 Relationship Strategy Bank ● Edutopia: Starting Each Class With a Warm Welcome ● Edutopia: Making Connections With Greetings at the Door (for elementary) ● Edutopia – Relationship Building From Day 1 ● Mood Meter ● Zones of Regulation ● Examples of Tiered Practices ● Example of relational home visits: Parent Teacher Home Visits and Learning Engagement and Attendance Program (LEAP) ● Example of mentoring: MENTOR and virtual mentor portals, Peer Group Connections, Success Mentor ● Attendance Playbook and Implementation Guide
34-44	**Strategies and Tools to Communicate About Attendance** ● Showing Up Matters for R.E.A.L. ● Flesch-Kincaid readability test ● Handouts for Families ● AW blog: Writing truancy notices that can improve attendance ● Using Behavioral Insights to Improve School Administrative Communications: The Case of Truancy Notifications ● Communications Tips ● Strategies for Connecting with Students & Families

	[Year-long Planning Calendar](#) [Letters for Families](#) [Spring Attendance Dips](#) [Strengthen Summer Learning](#) [Stay the Course - Winter Messaging toolkit](#) [Holiday Messaging](#) [How to Text Message Parents to Reduce Chronic Absence Using an Evidence-Based Approach](#) [Student Attendance Success Plan](#) [Sign up for the 2023 Attendance Awareness Campaign](#)
45	**Q&A**
46-47	**Review of Learning Goals & Class Evaluation** [Evaluation Survey](#) https://app.upmetrics.com/data_collector/ckf2oltbqlt8k0759tfdbfybj
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57-59	**Appendix** Updated [District & School Attendance Tracking Tools](#)