



Overview of L.A. Unified Attendance Improvement Plan 2018-2019 School Year

Attendance Goals

Reduce Chronic Absenteeism: The goal of every school is to reduce the percentage of students with chronic absenteeism. The District's target for every school is no more than 9% of students with chronic absenteeism (91% or lower attendance rate).

Improve Attendance: The goal of every school is to increase the percentage of students with 96% or higher attendance rates. The District's target for every school is 70% of students with no more than 7 absences per year (96% or higher attendance rate).

Standardized Accountability Practices to Support Improved Attendance at All Schools

1. Send a Clear, Consistent Attendance Message

- Every school will provide ongoing Messaging to parents and students about attendance
- Examples: Letters, Blackboard Connect Messages, Newsletters, PA announcements, Parent Meetings, Back to School Night, Coffee with the Principal

2. Every School will make Phone Calls to a Targeted Student Group

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- Examples: Phone calls to students who are frequently and chronically absent.

3. Targeted Group Intervention

- Every school will connect a targeted group of students with a staff member for mentoring.
- Examples: Identify staff members for daily or weekly check-ins, and scheduling of parent/student meetings.

4. Kindergarten Orientation (Elementary Only)

- Every school will include information about the importance of student attendance in their Kindergarten Orientation.

All schools will Analyze Attendance Data on a Monthly Basis

At every monthly LD Superintendent Meeting, attendance data and supporting information will be provided. LD Superintendents will share information at their monthly Principal Meetings, and provide the opportunity for Directors to meet with their Network Principals to discuss and reflect on the data and whether the implementation of the accountability practices is positively impacting attendance data.

Additional Supporting Efforts

- Student Attendance Matters Events
- Task Force Awareness Campaign
- Attendance Improvement Incentive Program
- Direct Mail/Postcard Campaign
- Local District Phone Banking