

## Increasing Student Graduation Rate and Reducing the Dropout Rate

### *We believe:*

- The community and school leadership are vital in supporting all students to graduate.
- Each student can graduate from high school given the appropriate coordinated services and resources necessary to meet individual needs.

### Attendance counts...

- The greater the number of absences in kindergarten, the greater the absences in first grade.
- Absences in kindergarten negatively impacts academic achievement in reading, math, and general knowledge by the end of first grade.
- Freshmen who miss more than two weeks of school fail an average of at least two classes.
- 90% of freshmen who miss less than one week of school per semester graduate on-time.
- Freshman on track at the end of their freshman year are about four times more likely to graduate than students not on target.



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### Pupil Services

### **Pupil Services and Attendance (PSA) Counselors are Attendance Leaders.**

- PSA Counselors have a Master's Degree in Social Work or School Counseling and hold Pupil Personnel Services Credentials specializing in Child Welfare and Attendance.
- PSA Counselors are liaisons between the school and the home, supporting students whose home or community life presents barriers which impede educational success.
- PSA Counselors may directly assist students who have attendance, adjustment and social/emotional issues by providing in-home and/or school-based counseling services and ongoing case management.
- PSA Counselors interpret laws and bulletins pertaining to education, enrollment, attendance, and pupil records.
- PSA Counselors can train staff to ensure that schools are in compliance with legal and District mandates related to attendance.
- PSA Counselors may collaborate with the City Attorney's Office, District Attorney's Office, law enforcement and community agencies to ensure students are linked to needed services.

### **To purchase the services of a PSA Counselor, please contact:**

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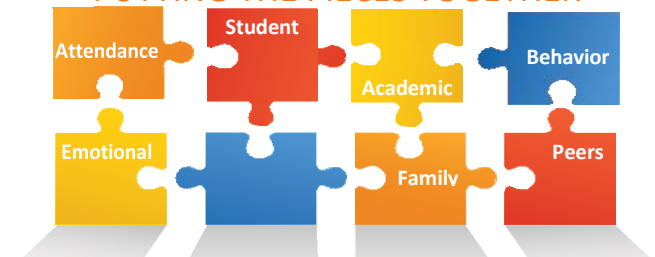
### STUDENT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Pupil Services



## **PUPIL SERVICES AND ATTENDANCE COUNSELORS**

### PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER



**TO PROMOTE INCREASED ATTENDANCE, STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT, AND SCHOOL SUCCESS!**

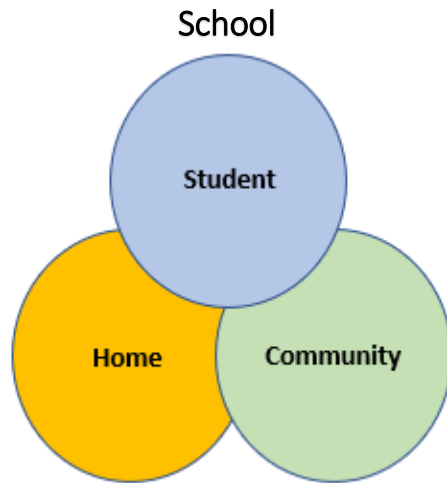
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## PSA Counselors...

provide the “Vital Link” between *home*, *school*, and *the community*.



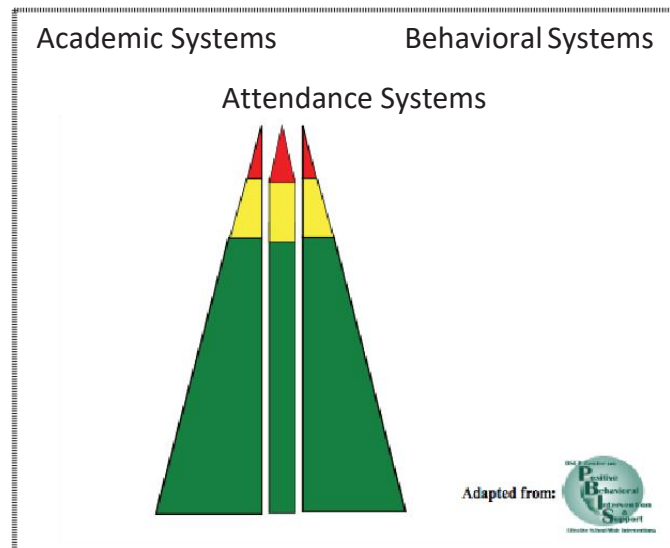
### Attendance Goal (2019-20):

72% of Students attending at/above 96%

### Chronic Absence Reduction Goal (2019-20):

No more than 7% of Students attending at/below 91%

## Designing School-Wide Systems for Student Success



180 days=1 School Year

**Chronic Absences**  
15 or more days

**Warning Signs**  
8-14 days

**Good Attendance**  
7 or fewer days absent

**Attendance + Grades =**  
**SUCCESS**

### DID YOU KNOW?

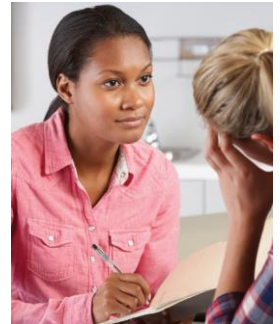
Students who miss 7 or fewer days per track **academically** and **graduate on-time!**

## Supporting All

- Targeted/Intensive (highly at-risk)
  - On-Site Student and Parent Conferences
  - In-Home Conferences
  - Community Referrals and linkages
- Address verifications
- Case management
- Home visits
- Counseling with students and/or parents regarding attendance
- Individual Attendance Plans
- Referrals to Resource Panel for SARB
- School Attendance Review Board (SARB) presentations
- Collaboration with District and City Attorney
- Truancy Mediation Programs
- Crisis Intervention/Threat Assessment

### Selected (at-risk students)

- Attendance notification letters
- Student Groups, including Group Counseling
- Targeted parent meetings
- Parent Training and Collaboration
- Case Consultation
- Collaboration with Multi-disciplinary Programs and Community Partnerships



### Universal (all students)

- Teach and reinforce clear, positive expectations for student attendance
- Implementation of Attendance Incentive Programs
- Assist with attendance plan development and implementation
- Truancy Abatement Programs
- Communicate attendance goals to students, parents, school staff, and the community
- Track and share relevant attendance data with all stakeholders
- Professional Development/ In-Service training

