



Windom Area Schools

Attendance Pilot Implementation



Goals & Strategies

- Decrease federal chronically absence totals by .25% per year.
- Increase family engagement using our learning management system as well as our overall communication regarding student whereabouts.
- Help students create connections to school and form a sense of belonging by increasing the amount of students involved in extracurricular activities by 2% over the course of the pilot.
- Employ an attendance coordinator to focus on attendance for all students K-12 and carry out duties listed below.



Progress Thus Far

- **Successes**
 - Hired attendance coordinator - 25 hours per week
 - Huge growth in building relationships and helping students succeed
 - Supporting students
 - Mental health supports available on site through school counselors/social workers as well as partners from our community, Greater MN & SWWC - all these connections have a positive impact on attendance
 - Ensuring students have adequate resources, in and out of school
 - Our buildings are safe and welcoming of all
 - Our buildings have minimal disruptions to the learning environment
 - Communication with families has grown with our attendance coordinator position



Progress Thus Far

- Struggles
 - Encouraging consistent and efficient parent communication and engagement
 - Students who work to support their families - sometimes 40 hours/week



Daily Duties of Our Attendance Coordinator

- Pick students up (roughly 8:00-8:45 daily)
 - As needed
- High School attendance rounds (roughly 8:45-9:45 daily)
 - Contacts - HS Secretary, HS Principal, Social Worker
- Middle School attendance support (roughly 9:45-10:15 daily)
 - Contacts - MS Secretary, MS Behavior/Attendance Support Dean, MS Principal, Social Worker
- Elementary attendance support (roughly 10:30-11:00 daily)
 - Contacts - Elementary Secretary, Elementary Principal, Social Worker
- Student support activities
 - Making phone calls
 - Driving to homes to meet with families/pick students up
 - Setting up attendance meetings
 - Relationship building with students at lunches - 11-1 daily as able
 - Making connections with families using our LMS

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