

## **Attendance Pilot**

A New Journey July 1, 2024

# Goal: Achieve district wide consistent attendance rate of 90% for all student groups

Core Strategies

#### Communication

Partnership: Developed
Attendance Pilot Team of district
and community partners and
completed gap analysis(data
dive)

Family Engagement: Increased home visits and hire family engagement specialist

#### Training

Training: Increased professional development: PBIS, Restorative Practices, and Check and Connect

Districtwide Training: Trained all staff to access attendance intervention resources available on the MTSS website

#### Resources

Resources: Implemented BARR, Katallasso Group, Promise Fellows and implemented strategies from Attendance Works and Panorama

#### Multi Tiered Support System:

Added best practice attendance strategies as key area and partnership with Minnesota State University, Mankato

## Gap Analysis and Addressing Barriers

Organization/ Reason	Parent Issue/ Home Barriers	Physical Health/ Doctor's Appts	Chronic Skipping- In school, but not class	Motivation	Mental Health
MAPS	Building level attendance teams     Building teams adhering to policies and communication related to attendance issues     Various forms of communication utilized to prevent and respond to attendance concerns     Home visits by student support staff     County/District partnership and increased referrals (TIP/SART)     School Social worker supports: Individualized for families     Following attendance responses with fidelity	Required medical verification     Partnering with our school nurses and development of effective health plans     Accommodations offered to students who have medical conditions that may impact participation at the classroom level. (Class pass, access to private bathrooms, etc.)	Staff contact to encourage students to go into class     Success Coaches or admin team walking students to class, going through bathrooms, being in hallways     Staff visibility     Consequences connected to extracurricular participation (no pass list, behavior referrals,	HS level- students are tired, burned out, recently attended therapy, avoid because they think they are doing okay in a class     Proactively-circulate with IC, meet students in hallways to talk about grades, supports, etc.  ADSIS- Individual goals for students to attend Athletic consequencestardies, absences Food rewards	Groups and as individuals- school counselors, social workers, meeting with parents to remain connected Connecting to resourcesecho, YMCA, summer programs HOPE Squad/Mental Health Connections Referral to mental health navigator School linked mental health Relationships with all outside resourcesclinics, YMCA, YW, backpack food program, county resources, housing resources Referrals to therapy
County	County staff conducting regular meetings (in-person)     Additional staff, juvenile probation officer, children's mental health case management     Strong incentive programs		Limited on agents     Taking away cell phone for an unexcused absence, follow home and school rules, may look at out-of-home placement (avoided if possible)     BEC ankle monitor/house arrest	<ul> <li>Discharge</li> <li>Gift cards, bikes, passes</li> </ul>	Children's mental health referrals, connecting students with therapists     Court order mental health diagnostic, follow recommendations
Other	CFS/ Prairie Care				

### **Key Strategies**

- 1. Meet quarterly with principals to review attendance data and strategies being utilized to increase attendance.
- 2. Work to implement attendance support plans
- 3. Use positive reinforcement for increased attendance.
- 4. Increase home visits for students needing more support.
- 5. Student support team working with students to reinforce SEL targets with focus on attendance.
- 6. Student Success Coaches working one on one with students with check and connect.
- 7. Collaborate with partner agencies including mental health. School Linked Mental Health, Youth Mental Health Navigator, and Prairie Care
- 8. Implement BARR and Katallasso
- 9. Hire Family Engagement Specialist

