



National Dropout Prevention Center for Students with Disabilities

Focus Area: *Attendance*

Attributes:

1. Consistent school attendance has a high positive correlation to academic success and school completion.
2. Students learn best when they attend school every day. When students miss school, they miss important lessons and essential skills they need for academic success.
3. Good attendance establishes a pattern of responsibility and commitment that will serve students throughout their lives—including college and the workplace.

Goal:

Strategy:

Some Effective Strategies

1. Emphasize early warning and intensive intervention - every absence requires a response.
2. Attendance programs focus on prevention as well as intervention and consequences. Attendance programs include both incentives and sanctions, including alternatives to court and rewards for improved and perfect attendance.
3. Review attendance policies to remove consequences that compete with school completion (e.g., suspensions given for tardiness).



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Specific Action	Progress	Barriers
1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.