

Everyday Counts: Attendance Strategies for Success

May 12, 2025 Attendance Webinar

Agenda for Webinar

1. Questions
2. USBE Supports Quick Review
3. Truancy and Absenteeism Board Rule
4. Commonly Asked Questions
5. Utah State Board of Education(USBE) Attendance Toolkit
6. Summer Support

USBE's Support to LEAs

USBE Attendance Cohorts (1)

- USBE offers year long attendance cohorts focused on tier 1 attendance implementation.
- In these cohorts attendance teams will learn about attendance teaming, attendance legislation and board rules, MTSS attendance structures, attendance messaging, attendance calendaring, and other helpful attendance items.

USBE Attendance Cohorts (2)

- Attendance teams throughout the state also have the opportunity to collaborate with each other and learn what is going on around the state in regards to attendance.
- We have on boarded our LEAs for the 2025-2026 school year but if you want to join the future, we would love to have anyone join.

Monthly Attendance Newsletter

- USBE Attendance Specialists are sending out information to LEA Attendance Leads each month with important updates, research, articles, and Utah success stories.
- If you're not receiving these as an attendance lead, please reach out to [Megan Menlove](mailto:megan.menlove@schools.utah.gov) at megan.menlove@schools.utah.gov to be added to the mailing list.

Check and Connect for Prevention

- Check and Connect is the only **Tier 2** evidence based mentoring program. Utah identifies at-risk students based on their ABC's (Attendance, Behavior, and Course Performance).
- Mentors work with students and families to set-goals to help students re-engage with schools with the goal of graduation.
- For more information on Check and Connect Trainings please reach out to [Garrett Russell](mailto:garrett.russell@schools.utah.gov) at garrett.russell@schools.utah.gov

Statewide Attendance Campaign

- We are launching our Statewide Attendance Campaign this summer and will be presenting more on it and sending out resources after our July 16th webinar.
- If you want to help with the planning of the campaign and be an “attendance ambassador” for this campaign please contact [Megan Menlove](mailto:megan.menlove@schools.utah.gov) at megan.menlove@schools.utah.gov

USBE Absenteeism and Truancy Board Rule

Absenteeism and Truancy USBE Board Rule(1)

- Absenteeism and Truancy Prevention Board Rule– [R277-607](#)
 - Highlights
 - Authority, Purpose, and Oversight
 - Definitions
 - This includes what qualifies as a “Valid” excuse

Absenteeism and Truancy USBE Board Rule(2)

- R277-607-2(8)(viii)- allows LEAs to determine other “Valid” excuses that they will accept
- R277-607-2(8)(b) discusses Parent Acknowledgement
- Promotion of Regular Attendance
 - Includes information about what should be included in your attendance policy and procedures

Commonly Asked Questions

Commonly Asked Questions (1)

- Do we have to excuse every absence if a parent calls to excuse it?
- Can we require a doctor's note for medically excused absences?
- How do we decide what our LEA considers a “valid excuse” outside of USBE Board Rule?

Commonly Asked Questions (2)

- How often should we be revising our attendance policy?
- How should we share our attendance policy with all stakeholders?
- What should be included in your attendance policy?

Breakout Session

Using the USBE Board Rule, [R277-607](#) as your reference, take the commonly asked questions and work together as a group to answer each question. You will have ten minutes to work together. Come back to the whole group prepared to share your answers.

USBE Attendance Toolkit

USBE Attendance Toolkit Highlights (1)

The purpose of this Toolkit is to help LEA and School leaders starting in their development of Attendance Systems to address Chronic Absenteeism.

Sections:

1. Attendance Teaming
2. Engagement with Stakeholders
3. Implementing Data Focused Support

USBE Attendance Toolkit Highlights (2)

4. Using Multi-Tiered Systems of Support/ Evidence Based Practices
5. Reflect, Adjust, and Celebrate
6. Legislation, Rules, and Statutes

Resources:

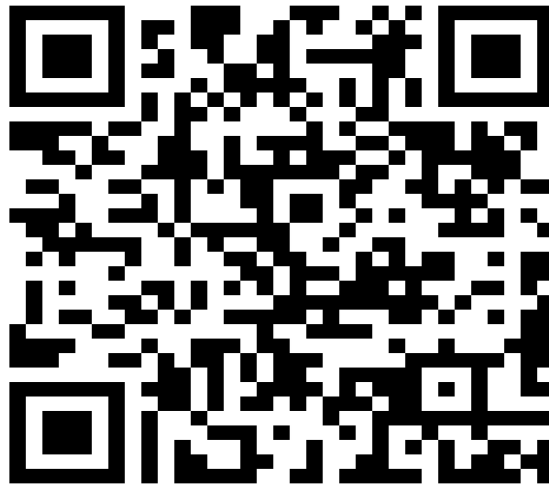
- This document will be updated and revised to reflect new and best practices

Summer Support

- July 16th Webinar: Attendance Teaming/Attendance Campaigns/September Attendance Awareness Month/Statewide Attendance Campaign
- Attendance Cohorts
- Individual support upon request
- Ongoing Statewide Attendance Campaign development

Exit Survey

We appreciate your attendance and
would love your feedback!



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