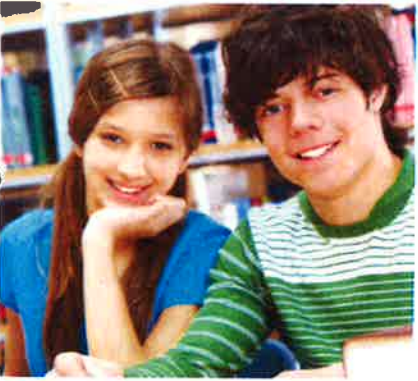




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SOUTHERN OREGON ATTENDANCE INITIATIVE
Encouraging Positive Habits for College and Career Readiness

IF OUR KIDS ARE NOT AT SCHOOL, THEY WILL NOT SUCCEED IN SCHOOL

DID YOU KNOW...

#1 Attendance is the number one predictor of dropout and graduation rates.

5 As little as five absences per semester can drop a student's GPA from 3.0 to 2.7.

25% When a student is absent for more than **five** days per semester, they are 25% less likely to graduate from high school in four years.

67% 67% of course failures are contributed to attendance. Only 5% of course failures are due to test scores.

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A report on Oregon's absenteeism epidemic, "Empty Desks" highlighted the fundamental knowledge that "Frequent absenteeism has devastating consequences." Studies from multiple states show that chronically absent high school students are unlikely to graduate.

Not only is attendance required for success in school, but creating positive attendance and active engagement habits at an early age lay the foundation for the individual accountability required to succeed through school into college, career and adulthood.

Southern Oregon is launching an all-out effort to improve school attendance. This will include informing parents and guardians about their student's attendance trends, encourage teacher-parent communication, and mobilize business and community members to support our collective effort. Our hope is that our community embraces the value in teaching our children lifelong habits that support success.

It really does start with "Showing Up!"

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COLLECTIVE IMPACT IN ACTION: A Community Unites to Address Absenteeism

Hundreds of studies have confirmed that truancy and chronic absenteeism can be precursors to school dropout, academic failure, lower student achievement and juvenile delinquency. Given the identified negative consequences of absenteeism, Southern Oregon school districts, local government and key partners have initiated a cross sector attendance collaborative to address the root causes that underlie attendance problems in our area.

As a region, we are committed to taking coordinated and deliberate action to reduce absenteeism. We are moving beyond district boundaries to collaborate and leverage our region-wide resources to improve attendance and educational outcomes for students.

TOGETHER WE CAN DO THIS: Our Community WILL make a difference.

Collaborative Goals

- Reduce chronic absenteeism in Southern Oregon school districts.
- Increase student attendance in Southern Oregon school districts.
- Make 'Every Day On Time' school attendance a community priority.

Stakeholder Actions

- Identify attendance barriers and root causes of absenteeism.
- Mobilize and focus our collective resources to address absenteeism.
- Implement broad base and targeted interventions. Measure effectiveness and adjust accordingly.
- Support districts, schools and families in their efforts to improve attendance.

Strategies for Districts to Substantially Increase Student Attendance

- Raise awareness among all stakeholders about the importance of 'Every Day, On Time' attendance.
- Utilize attendance data to quantify absenteeism rates.
- Collaborate in the development of a regional attendance awareness campaign.
- Share best practices between Southern Oregon districts.
- Create a network of area-specific intervention partners and programs.
- Advocate for practices, policies and appropriate levels of staffing required to increase attendance.
- Support school site capacity to respond to and effectively address absenteeism.

Strategies for Teachers

- Create a welcoming environment in every classroom. Greet students as they enter.
- Purposefully build relationships with students who are struggling with attendance.
- Utilize effective methods of communicating with the child's family.
- Celebrate students when attendance improves.

Strategies to Assist Families

- Increase awareness of the consequences of excused and unexcused absences.
- Communicate with the school and teacher every time your student is absent.
- Commit to regular, on-time attendance. Schedule appointments outside of the school day whenever possible.



"Attending school is critical to student success. When schools, families, and communities come together to create inclusive environments where all students feel welcome, empowered, and engaged - then students become attached to their school community and begin to build regular school attendance habits. This helps ensure every student graduates from high school with a plan for his or her future." - Governor Kate Brown



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