



Focusing on Attendance

Maine Engagement and Attendance Center (MEAC)

Welcomes you Back to School!

The NEWLY created Maine Engagement and Attendance Center (MEAC), focusing on evidence-based strategies to support increased attendance, represents the collaboration and available support of nearly 20 offices and teams across the Maine Department of Education (DOE).

Please reach out for assistance in establishing the conditions under which regular attendance can flourish. Whether you're a classroom teacher, instructional coach, family member, administrator, or community partner, we offer practical insights, the research behind them, and actionable steps for increasing attendance.

HOW CAN WE SUPPORT YOU?

- Visit the **MEAC webpage** for helpful engagement and attendance resources:
 - [Maine Engagement and Attendance Center webpage](#)
- Review the **Maine Attendance Toolkit**: [Maine DOE Attendance Toolkit](#)
- Register for **MEAC Office Hours**: To join MEAC Office Hours: **Register HERE**.
 - 3rd Thursday of each month, 3:30-4:30; series exploring challenges of practices with content experts presenting evidence-based attendance and engagement practices, and statewide colleague collective knowledge shared to support participants
 - (September 18, 2025, through May 21st, 2026).
- Participate in the **Maine Attendance Campaign Logo Design Contest** (details soon released)
 - ***Rooted in learning, growing every day- Be Pine Tree Present!***
- Access supports through connection to **Existing Resources: BARR, TRC™, Count ME In!, PBIS**

The Maine Engagement and Attendance Center is part of the Maine DOE Office of School and Student Supports (O3S). For further support, please contact Student Engagement Specialist, Sarah Nelson, at Sarah.Nelson@maine.gov.