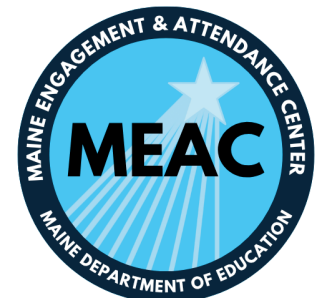


Attendance Practices for a Strong Start



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Invite Positive Connections

Develop meaningful relationships with students and families through intentional, proactive communication, resource sharing, and opportunities for engagement.

Build Strong Partnerships

Partner with community organizations that provide physical and mental health services, before- and after-school programs and other supports that help address attendance barriers.

Strengthen Schoolwide

Review attendance procedures, teams, communication protocols, and intervention steps to ensure consistent, equitable support across the school.

Share Attendance Expectations

Explicitly share attendance expectations, routines, and supports to students and families using positive, strengths-based messaging.

Use Attendance Data

Monitor attendance data to identify emerging patterns for cohorts and individual students and respond early to warning signs.

Identify Students Needing Support

Students who miss 2 or more days in the first month of school are more likely to experience continued attendance challenges throughout the school year.

Celebrate Successes

Recognize strong attendance and celebrate growth. Individually acknowledge success to students and families who show improvement.