

Attendance Matters: Student Voice Survey

Students: complete the survey individually or in small groups. Enter school initials and then give your best responses to questions 2 and 3. Note: This survey is anonymous and will only be used at the school level.

1. School: Enter initials only _____.

2. When ABSENT, what were your reasons for not coming to school?

(Check up to 5 reasons. If there is only 1 reason, then only check 1 reason.)

- School is boring
- Did not want to deal with work that is too hard
- Did not complete an assignment
- Did not want to read or answer questions aloud in class
- Did not want to be teased or bullied
- Wanted to be with friends outside of school
- Did not feel safe at school
- Did not feel safe on my way to school
- Did not want to face a teacher
- No one really cares/notices when I am not there
- I was suspended from school
- Overslept
- Missed the bus/Bus did not come to pick me up
- Car problems (e.g., car wouldn't run, ran out of gas, etc.)
- Had to help my parent/guardian
- Had to work
- Had to watch my brother/sister
- Had to go to court
- Lacked clothing or supplies, etc. necessary for school
- Death in the family
- Medical Appointment (e.g., doctor, dentist, hospital)
- Sick
- Out of Town (e.g., visiting family or friends, on vacation, etc.)
- Too stressed/upset or overwhelmed to come to school
- Did not feel like I was wanted/belonged at school
- Water/Heat/or Power were turned off
- I had no place to stay
- Other (please specify)

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3. What can your school [insert name] do to help students improve their attendance?