

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



**Louisiana Attendance Alliance
Webinar
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Agenda

- Overview
- Purpose
- LA Attendance Alliance - services and program features
- Introduction of the LSU-Social Research and Evaluation Center (SREC) Team
- Attendance Specialists Expectations
- Next Steps
- Q & A

Overview

To assist school systems with attendance concerns, LDOE and the LSU Social Research and Evaluation Center (SREC) are establishing a statewide initiative to **promote good attendance practices**.

Purpose

There was a decline in student enrollment during the 2020-2021 school year and more than 50% of the decline were in 3rd grade and below. To address attendance concerns for all students, the LSU-Social Research and Evaluation Center (SREC) will support school systems with LSU Attendance Specialist who will:

1. **Assist** school systems with students who have not been attending school during the 2020-2021 school year
2. **Re-enroll** eligible PK-12 students for the 2021-2022 school year.
3. **Promote** good attendance practices to school systems.

The Louisiana Attendance Alliance

- Establishes a **statewide cross sector partnership** with Child Welfare and Attendance (CWA) and other community-based programs that work with children and families
- Connects **LSU Attendance Specialists** with school, students, and families to validate exit codes, assist in re-enrollment, and promote good attendance practices
- Provides a **monthly aggregated status report** from the LSU-SREC student location program in compliance with all Louisiana student privacy data laws
- Facilitates a **monthly Louisiana Attendance Alliance meeting** to share best practices and elevate the issue of school attendance

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What to expect from your LSU Attendance Specialists?

- **Who:** A local community partner that has previous experience as an educator, counselor, or provider of student support services
- **Primary goal:** Assist in verifying exit codes for students who did not return to school due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- **Re-enrollment support:** LSU Attendance Specialists will be available to educate and link families of students eligible for re-enrollment to their local school districts and monitor enrollment status through the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year

What to expect from LSU Attendance Specialists?

- LSU Attendance Specialists may reach out to schools, after school programs, and other supportive services to help facilitate re-enrollment
- Additionally, LSU Attendance Specialists will make necessary referrals to social services to help families reduce barriers to attendance

Next Steps

SREC will reach out to each district asking for their participation

- Please respond by 6/2/21 to opt-in for participation at attendance@lsu.edu

Once a school district opts-in, SREC will:

- Connect LSU Attendance Specialist(s) to district staff and facilitate introductions to local schools and coordinate logistics

Future Steps

Monthly **Attendance Alliance** meetings:

- via Zoom: <https://lsu.zoom.us/j/93027951274>
- Every third Thursday: 8:30 A.M. to 9:30 A.M.
- Review enrollment trends, share best practices/evidence based practices to increase enrollment, quality improvement planning, community partner presentations

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