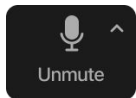
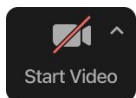


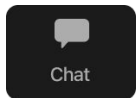
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Child Welfare and Attendance Monthly Call



May 1, 2025

Agenda

- Introduction / Sign In
- Monthly Call Focus & Purpose
- Presentation: Bienville Parish Best Practices
- Guest Speakers: Leslie Mauthe
- Updates

Please email attendance@la.gov with questions.



The Power of Presence: LDOE Attendance Strategy



We now have a dedicated attendance team!

- Misty Davis
- Rayla Hunt
- Roxi Mackens

We have a new email address!

attendance@la.gov

Please contact attendance@la.gov with questions.



The Power of Presence



The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) is committed to reducing chronic absenteeism and improving attendance outcomes through a strategic, tiered system of support for LEAs. To further this commitment, the LDOE has a dedicated team located strategically across the state to provide in-person, real-time technical assistance and support to school systems in implementing effective attendance strategies.

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Three-Tiered Attendance Strategy

Universal Support - Available to all school systems statewide

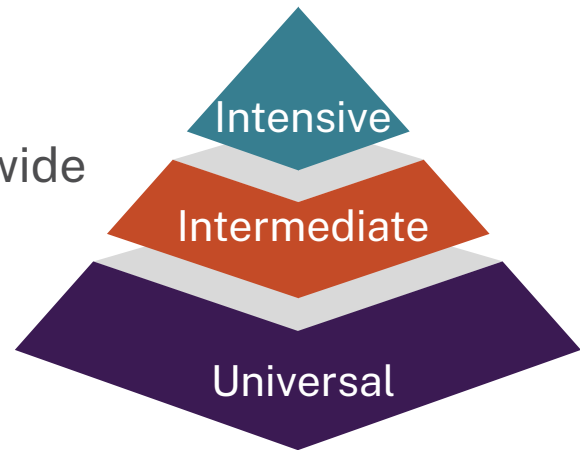
- Comprehensive guidance documents
- Regular data monitoring and reporting
- Monthly Attendance Calls & Office Hours
- Regional System Leader Collaboration sessions
- Teacher Leader Summit sessions

Intermediate Support - Targets school systems that are underperforming on multiple attendance indicators

- At least one monthly collaboration session with the LDOE Attendance Team
- Virtual Community of Practice events

Intensive Support - Designed for select districts with significant attendance challenges

- At least two monthly collaboration session with the LDOE Attendance Team
- Employing an Attendance Improvement Specialist



Monthly Call Purpose

- **Focus:** Truancy In Our Schools: Why is it important to address?
- **Purpose:** To cultivate a network of attendance stakeholders to discuss evidence-based best practices and resources to improve student attendance.

Please email misty.davis@la.gov with questions.



Bienville Parish Strategies to Address Truancy

PREVENTION



While we are free to choose
our **ACTIONS**,
we are not free to choose the
CONSEQUENCES
of our actions.

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-Stephen R. Covey

Prevention

Intervention

Consequences



Bienville Parish Prevention - Relationships

- Parental Communication and Collaboration
- Ensure students feel safe and supported.
- Build relationships with Department of Child Welfare and Attendance



Bienville Parish Prevention - Handbooks

- School Handbooks
 - Levels of Intervention are published.
 - Consequences are clear.
 - Signed contract in each student handbook for parents and students.



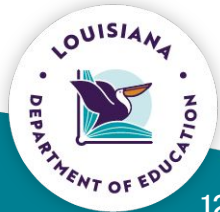
Bienville Parish Prevention - Incentives

- PBIS
- School-Wide Focus on Attendance
- Partnerships



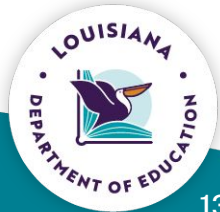
Bienville Parish Prevention - Attendance Policy

- Implement a clear Attendance Policy
- Analyze data and use data to identify patterns and trends



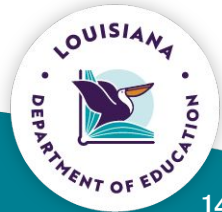
Bienville Parish Intervention - Attendance Teams

- Administrators, secretary, teachers
- Chairperson
- Bi-weekly connect with CWA



Bienville Parish Intervention - SBLC

- School Building Level Committee meetings.
- Individualized Plans
- Home visits



Bienville Parish Intervention - TIP

- Implement the Truancy Intervention Program (TIP)-
 - Attendance records
 - Letters are dispatched to parents following the accumulation of unexcused absences at the 3, 5, 7, and 10 absence marks.
 - Each letter serves as a referral to the Child Welfare and Attendance Office, with a total of four levels of referrals.



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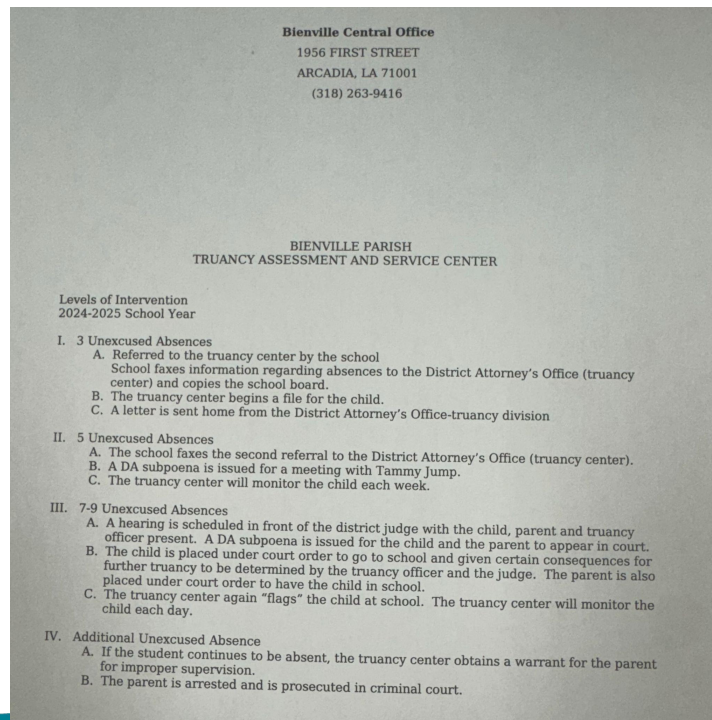
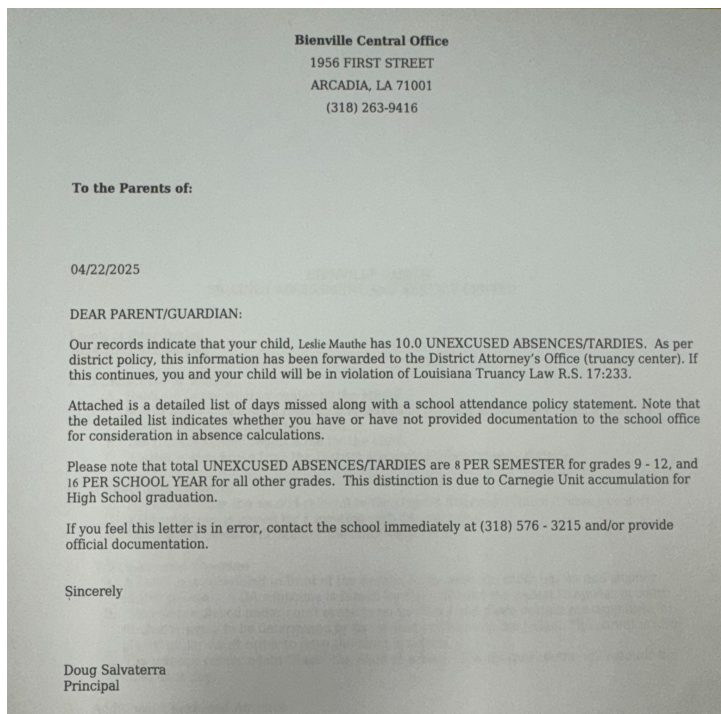


Bienville Parish Consequences - Implementation

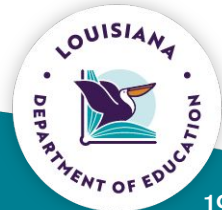
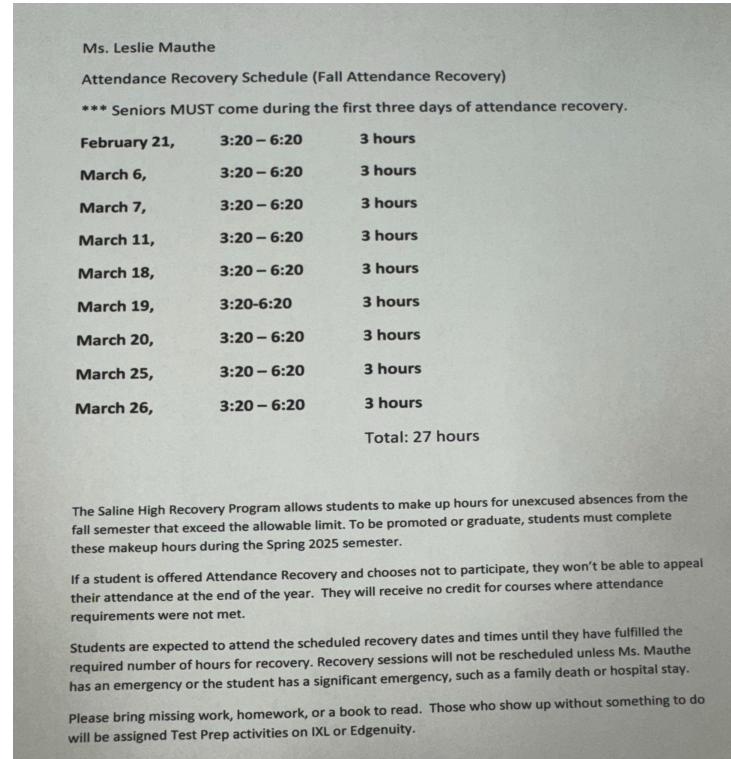
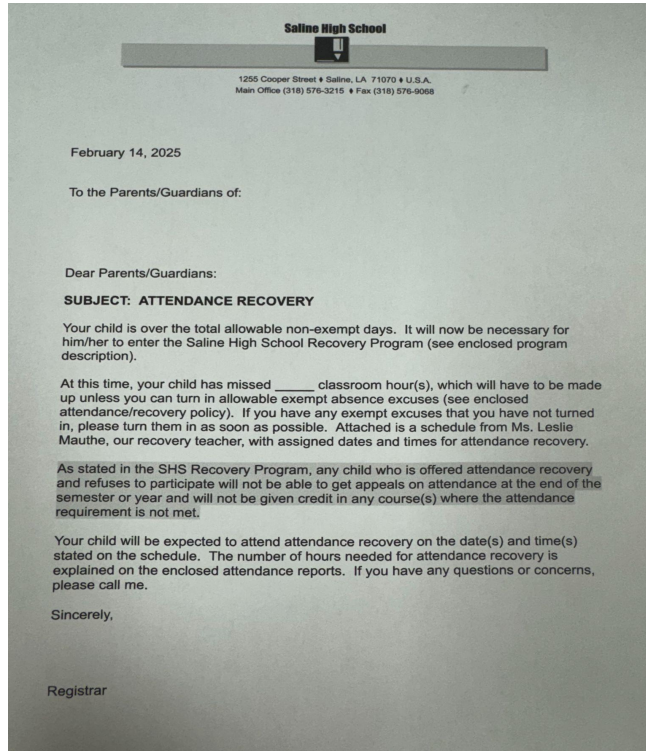
- Implement clear and consistent consequences.
 - 3 absences
 - 5 absences
 - 7 absences
 - 10 absences



Bienville Parish Artifacts - Attendance Letters



Bienville Parish Artifacts - Attendance Recovery



Bienville Parish Artifacts - Referrals

Bienville Central Office
1956 FIRST STREET
ARCADIA, LA 71001
(318) 263-9416

To the Parents of:
[REDACTED]

Bienville Parish
Truancy Assessment and Service Center
THIRD REFERRAL (GRADES K-12)
7-9 UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

Referral Date: 04/22/2025

Name of School: Saline High School

Student's Name: [REDACTED]

Grade Race: Sex: Age DOB: [REDACTED]

Mother: [REDACTED] Father: [REDACTED] Guardian: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Home Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Work Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Emergency Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Total Number of Unexcused Absences: 8.0

Name of Person Making Referral: Doug Salvatore, Principal

SALINE HIGH SCHOOL

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Attendance History for

04/22/2025 16:00:51

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Bienville Parish More Truancy Ideas.....

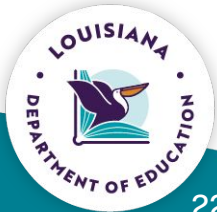
- Reward trips
- Leverage resources
 - Provide counselors
- Offer tutoring services
 - Assess the overall school climate
- Know your students
- Display positive posters throughout the school
- Hold all stakeholders accountable for prioritizing student attendance.



Bienville Parish Closure:

“Success is earned one day at a time. Start by showing up!”

“You can’t achieve your dreams if you don’t show up and chase them!”



Thank You!

At the end of the day, relationships are what matter the most to all stakeholders in the story. Involve everybody in the process to stop truancy within our schools.





Questions?

Resources

Louisiana Attendance Planning

- Attendance Action Planning Workbook
- Toolkit Slides
- Chronic Absenteeism Rate Report
- Attendance Action Plans
- Peer-learning Surveys



[LDOE Child Welfare & Attendance webpage](#)

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Updates



- April Presentation can be found on the [LDOE Monthly Calls](#) webpage
- June [CWA Monthly Call](#)
 - 8am, June 5