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Child Welfare and Attendance Monthly Call





Agenda

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



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 <u>attendance@la.gov</u> 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.



Please contact attendance@la.gov with questions.

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

Intensive

Intermediate

Universal

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 Intervention While we are free to choose our ACTIONS we are not free to choose the **CONSEQUENCES** of our actions. notiustcute.cor

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.



Bienville Parish Prevention - Relationships

- Parental Communication and Collaboration
- Ensure students feel safe and supported.
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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 Central Office 1956 FIRST STREET ARCADIA, LA 71001 (318) 263-9416

To the Parents of:

04/22/2025

DEAR PARENT/GUARDIAN:

Our records indicate that your child, Lesie Mauthe has 10.0 UNEXCUSED ABSENCES/TARDIES. As per district policy, this information has been forwarded to the District Attorney's Office (trucy center). If this continues, you and your child will be in violation of Louisiana Truancy Law R.S. 17:233.

Attached is a detailed list of days missed along with a school attendance policy statement. Note that the detailed list indicates whether you have or have not provided documentation to the school office for consideration in absence calculations.

Please note that total UNEXCUSED ABSENCES/TARDIES are 8 PER SEMESTER for grades 9 - 12, and 16 PER SCHOOL YEAR for all other grades. This distinction is due to Carnegie Unit accumulation for High School graduation.

If you feel this letter is in error, contact the school immediately at (318) 576 - 3215 and/or provide official documentation.

Sincerely

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

BIENVILLE PARISH TRUANCY ASSESSMENT AND SERVICE CENTER

Levels of Intervention 2024-2025 School Year

I. 3 Unexcused Absences

- Referred to the truancy center by the school School faxes information regarding absences to the District Attorney's Office (truancy center) and copies the school board.
- B. The truancy center begins a file for the child.
- C. A letter is sent home from the District Attorney's Office-truancy division
- II. 5 Unexcused Absences

A. The school faxes the second referral to the District Attorney's Office (truancy center).
B. A DA subpoena is issued for a meeting with Tammy Jump.
C. The truancy center will monitor the child each weak

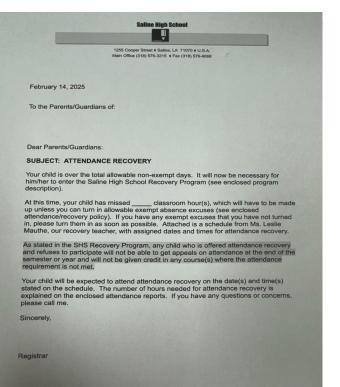
- III. 7-9 Unexcused Absences
 - A. A hearing is scheduled in front of the district judge with the child, parent and truancy officer present. A DA subpoena is issued for the child and the parent to appear in court.
 - B. The child is placed under court order to go to school and given certain consequences for further truncy to be determined by the truncy officer and the judge. The parent is also placed under court order to have the child in school.
 - C. The truancy center again "flags" the child at school. The truancy center will monitor the child each day.

IV. Additional Unexcused Absence

- A. If the student continues to be absent, the truancy center obtains a warrant for the parent for improper supervision.
- B. The parent is arrested and is prosecuted in criminal court.



Bienville Parish Artifacts - Attendance Recovery



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Attendance Recovery Schedule (Fall Attendance Recovery)

*** Seniors MUST come during the first three days of attendance recovery.

February 21,	3:20 - 6:20	3 hours
March 6,	3:20 - 6:20	3 hours
March 7,	3:20 - 6:20	3 hours
March 11,	3:20 - 6:20	3 hours
March 18,	3:20 - 6:20	3 hours
March 19,	3:20-6:20	3 hours
March 20,	3:20 - 6:20	3 hours
March 25,	3:20 - 6:20	3 hours
March 26,	3:20 - 6:20	3 hours
		Total: 27 hours

The Saline High Recovery Program allows students to make up hours for unexcused absences from the fall semester that exceed the allowable limit. To be promoted or graduate, students must complete these makeup hours during the Spring 2025 semester.

If a student is offered Attendance Recovery and chooses not to participate, they won't be able to appeal their attendance at the end of the year. They will receive no credit for courses where attendance requirements were not met.

Students are expected to attend the scheduled recovery dates and times until they have fulfilled the required number of hours for recovery. Recovery sessions will not be rescheduled unless Ms. Mauthe has an emergency or the student has a significant emergency, such as a family death or hospital stay.

Please bring missing work, homework, or a book to read. Those who show up without something to do will be assigned Test Prep activities on IXL or Edgenuity.



Bienville Parish Artifacts - Referrals

	Bienville Central Office
	1956 FIRST STREET
	ARCADIA, LA 71001
	(318) 263-9416
To the Parents of:	
	Bienville Parish
	Truancy Assessment and Service Center
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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.



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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 <u>LDOE Monthly Calls</u> webpage
- June <u>CWA Monthly Call</u>
 - \circ 8am, June 5