

Student Attendance Assessment

This survey is to determine barriers to student attendance. Answering each question is optional. The survey should be administered in conversation with an adult and the answers recorded on this form.

Student's Name:

Student's Grade:

Student's School:

Name of Person Administering Survey

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- ☐ Other _____

Position Title

- ☐ Field Attendance Specialist
- ☐ Student Success Coordinator
- ☐ Mental Health Professional

Statement	Not True	Somewhat True	Often True	Does Not Apply to me
Health				
I'm too tired to get up on time.				
I often don't feel well enough to go to school.				
I have trouble sleeping.				
I feel anxious around crowds at school.				
It's hard to concentrate in class.				
I feel sad all the time.				
Transportation and Housing				
I often miss my bus, and I live too far to walk.				
I take my younger siblings to school before I go, which makes me late.				
I lose track of time and am late to school/class.				
I don't have a consistent ride to school.				
My family moves around a lot.				
We do not have an apartment or house right now.				
I feel uncomfortable with the clothes I have to wear to school.				

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Family and Responsibilities				
I help to support my family by working.				
I am a parent and take care of my child.				
I stay home to take care of my younger siblings.				
I stay home to spend time with my family.				
There are issues at home that interfere with me going to school/being on time.				
Culture/Language				
I am a new English speaker and don't understand what is happening in class.				
School and graduating are important to my family				
Being on time is important to me.				
I know how to be successful in school.				
Conflict and Safety				
I get along well with my teachers.				
I feel safe at school				
I feel safe going to or from school.				
I get picked on a lot.				
I have trouble getting along with other students.				
Academic Support				
I'm new to the school and having a difficult time following what the class is doing.				
I'm already so far behind, it feels like there is no point in going to class/school.				
The classes/work are too difficult for me				
Engagement				
I think school is important and prepares me for the future.				
I would rather get my GED than go to school.				
I would rather spend time with my friends then go to class.				
I think that working is more important than going to school right now.				
I'm not learning anything that challenges me.				

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Substance Use				
I have skipped class because I wanted to smoke a cigarette				
I have skipped class/school to get high/drunk with friends.				
I may need help controlling my use of drugs and alcohol.				
Other				
Are there any other reasons you might miss all or part of the school day?				
What can the school do to help improve your attendance?				

