

Suggested Truancy Interventions

The process of attendance intervention needs to be ongoing and documented. Early identification of students who are demonstrating a pattern of chronic absenteeism is important. Truancy interventions must be implemented for successful court referrals.

Some suggested interventions that may prove helpful to the school:

- Attendance Works – <http://www.attendanceworks.org/> - (Attendance Works is a national and state initiative that promotes better policy and practice for school attendance. They promote tracking chronic absence data for each student beginning in kindergarten, or ideally earlier, and collaborating with families and community agencies to intervene when poor attendance is a problem for students or schools.)
- Court Mediation – as a possible early intervention for students 12 years of age and older who have a history of poor attendance in previous school years, working collaboratively with parents as a possible solution. Further school interventions may also be implemented in support of the developed mediation contract. Mediation is available throughout the school year. Deadline is April 1.
- Positive recognition when the student attends school i.e., verbal, etc.
- Repeated (completed or attempted) communication with parent/guardian and/or student. (Completed or attempted interventions may be used as interventions on the referral form.)
- Repeated meetings with parent to address attendance throughout the attendance process.
- Homeless/Migrant Outreach Specialist for Jordan School District
- Daily Tracking Sheets
- Attendance Contracts
- Truancy School through Jordan Family Education Center
- Intervention programs available through Jordan Family Education Center
- Class schedule change and/or reduced schedule
- Health Care Plan - work with the school nurse to prepare health care plan when needed
- School Psychologist
- Interventions specific to each school