

Cesar Chavez Community School

Four Tiers Of Support: School Strategies to Improve Attendance

Tier 1: Whole School Prevention

Universal, whole school prevention for all students, including students who have missed less than 5% of classes for any reason. A whole-school approach focuses on improving attendance for all students and reducing chronic absenteeism.

Tier 1 strategies include engaging school climate, developing positive relationships with students and families, sharing impact of absences so it is widely understood, recognizing good or improved attendance, and identifying and addressing common barriers to attendance.

Tier 2: Individualized Prevention

Individualized prevention includes targeted intervention strategies for individual students who are missing five percent or more but less than ten percent of classes or school days for any reason. Tier 2 provides individualized prevention and early intervention for students who are missing 5% or more. Tier 2 provides an opportunity to create an individualized action plan that addresses chronic absences.

Tier 2 strategies include personalized outreach, assessing student and family needs, service coordination with health and social service providers to meet needs, and individualized action plans that address chronic absences and barriers to attendance and increase school engagement.

Tier 3: Early Intervention

Early intervention includes interventions for students who are considered chronically absent and missing ten percent or more but less than twenty percent of classes or school days for any reason.

Tier 3 strategies include developing individualized student intervention plans that focus on keeping the student in an educational setting with weekly progress monitoring and contract for attendance.

Tier 4: Intensive Support

Intensive support includes interventions for students who are considered excessively absent and missing twenty percent or more of classes or school days for any reason. Tier 4 focuses on students who have not responded to previous interventions provided by the school and may lead to referrals to CYFD.

Tier 4 strategies include giving written notice to the student's family with a scheduled time to meet with the school principal and the attendance team, establishing non-punitive consequences at the school level, identifying appropriate specialized supports that may be needed to help student address the underlying causes of excessive absenteeism, and notifying the student and their family about the consequences for further absences.