5 Steps to Address Chronic Absenteeism With MTSS

A step-by-step approach to addressing chronic absenteeism through actionable support, powered by Panorama's tools.

1. Identify

Pinpoint students at risk of chronic absenteeism by analyzing attendance data and identifying patterns and root causes of frequent absences.

Panorama Pro Tip:

Use tools like Panorama's attendance dashboards for early warning insights into attendance trends, and leverage feedback surveys to uncover underlying causes like transportation or engagement challenges. Regularly review this data—for example, during Student Support Team meetings—to take proactive action.

If your district is interested in surveying students to understand the root causes of absenteeism, our research shows that some survey topics are more relevant than others. School and district leaders should consider administering different survey topics to elementary, middle, and high school students.

2. Create

Develop personalized attendance intervention plans that address specific barriers to attendance, such as transportation issues or lack of engagement.

Panorama Pro Tip:

Leverage Panorama Playbook to access evidence-based strategies to help you create custom attendance-focused plans tailored to student needs. Or, save time with Panorama's AI-powered features, which quickly surface recommended strategies tailored to each student's unique needs. Use the intervention tracking features in the Panorama Student Success MTSS platform to document support plans and monitor progress.

3. Implement

Carry out attendance intervention plans by engaging families and coordinating with school staff to provide timely support.

Panorama Pro Tip:

Leverage the AI tools in Panorama Solara to save time and streamline content creation. Use these tools to securely draft and send personalized nudge letters to families or to create student-specific attendance plans.

4. Track

Monitor attendance trends and evaluate the effectiveness of implemented interventions.

Panorama Pro Tip:

Use Panorama Student Success to monitor daily attendance trends and and collaborate with other student support staff. Create and track intervention plans with a guided workflow, including setting SMART goals, attaching documents, and selecting progress monitoring methods.

5. Report

Use school and district dashboards to track progress, assess interventions, and adjust supports. Share insights with stakeholders to celebrate successes and refine plans for greater impact.

Panorama Pro Tip:

Simplify attendance reporting with Panorama's tools to provide clear, actionable insights to school leaders and families.

Ready to address chronic absenteeism in your district?

An effective MTSS can provide structure and strategies to improve attendance. Watch a product tour to explore how Panorama can support your MTSS framework.

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