Attendance & Reengagement

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Support education leaders in addressing record high absenteeism rates

Focus on finding students who left since the pandemic and not returned
MythBusters – starring students and families

START WITH NUMBERS

CLARIFY WITH VOICES
If you had to guess…

What are some of the most common reasons students are absent?

What we know:

Absenteeism rates are still higher than what they were pre-Covid.
What we’re hearing

- Illness
- Doctor appointments
- Family obligations
- Transportation
- Having trouble getting ready on time
- Bullying
- Anxiety
What we know:

We are seeing drops in enrollment across all our districts.

If you had to guess…

What are the age and demographics of students that have left the K-12 system since the pandemic?
Descriptive data for about 3,000 students identified as leaving school since the pandemic

Source: Direct service data reported by priority/grantee district and ESD staff on students served through January 2023.
What we know:

Many students are leaving our education system permanently

If you had to guess…

Why are students leaving and not wanting to return?
School not feeling helpful or relevant is students’ most common barrier to reengagement
Lingering consideration:

What academic onramps are provided after missing school?

What policies exist to address what we are hearing?

Do we have realistic expectations of our students?

Do we have realistic expectations of our teachers?

Is our system able to be nimble enough to address what we hear?