

## **Appendix C: Attendance Support Activities**

Year-At-A-Glance Support Activities	
Ongoing	<ul> <li>Cultivate a culture of attendance through regular activities and ongoing communication with parents, guardians, staff, and students.</li> <li>Engage in ongoing monitoring to identify and address barriers to attendance.</li> <li>Acknowledge efforts and celebrate successes and improvements.</li> </ul>
August	<ul> <li>Review attendance data from June.</li> <li>Plan intervention for any student that missed 20+ days in the previous year:         <ul> <li>Review the OSR to determine appropriate program and required supports;</li> <li>Complete an Absenteeism Worksheet;</li> <li>Meet with student/parent to discuss attendance concerns and engage in collaborative problem solving to address identified barriers;</li> <li>Support meaningful connection between the student and a staff member;</li> <li>Support the student in engaging in school activities of interest.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
September	Attendance Awareness Campaign Plan activities throughout the first week of school that highlight the importance of regular attendance (i.e. student presentations, incentives, contests, etc.)
September – October	<ul> <li>School Open House to welcome parents and establish connections; highlight attendance initiatives and part of the event.</li> <li>Teach formal (brief) lessons to students about the importance of attendance.</li> <li>Monitor student attendance intervention plans created in August (review attendance, check-in and provide feedback to both student/parent).</li> <li>Monitor school wide attendance and begin early outreach for any students who have already experienced absenteeism (i.e. supportive discussions).</li> </ul>
October – December	Monthly attendance promotion activity (i.e. class or school contest, attendance data sharing with staff and parents/guardians, student video messages)
January – February	<ul> <li>MINI-ATTENDANCE CAMPAIGN (Consider how student-voice can be used to share the message with students, staff, and parents. What can be celebrated? What needs more work?)</li> <li>Teach and re-teach formal (brief) lessons to students about the importance of attendance.</li> </ul>
March	Plan school-wide theme days and fun activities <i>after</i> March Break to entice students to return on time.
April – May	Monthly attendance promotion activity (i.e. class or school contest, attendance data sharing with staff and parents/guardians, student video messages)
June	<ul> <li>Review attendance data and develop lists for targeted intervention in August.</li> <li>Share attendance concerns as part of student transition planning activities.</li> <li>Plan formal activities to celebrate success (i.e. recognition of individual students, classes, staff efforts, parent involvement and support, etc.)</li> </ul>