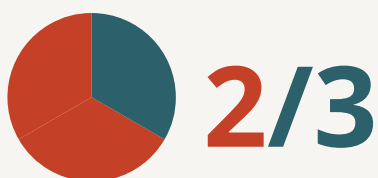


SUMMER SUPPORT FOR A STRONG FALL START

With ESSER funds ending this fall, student attendance during the fall count period is more important than ever.



Two-thirds of students attended a school with high or extreme chronic absenteeism in 2021-22, **leading to significant disruptions to their education.**



One in five students missed almost four weeks of school throughout the year.

ENGAGE Wisconsin, a free program provided by the state, supports school membership by helping families navigate barriers to attendance. Our Success Coaches work with students to keep them engaged throughout the summer and prepare them for a strong start to the school year.

Coaches can help with areas such as:

- Keeping students motivated with summer school
- Developing personalized plans to ensure students show up on day one
- Addressing life challenges and barriers to attendance over the summer in preparation for the new school year
- Locating students whose whereabouts are unknown and helping those who still live in the district get back to school
- Building confidence in reading, math, and handwriting skills (Grades K-5)
- Developing time management and study skills (Grades 6-12)

A third-party analysis of ENGAGE revealed **statistically significant gains in attendance, engagement, GPA, credit earned rate, and graduation rate** when comparing students who were referred to the program and participated to those who did not.

Source: Chang, H., Balfanz, R., & Byrnes, V. (2023, October 12). Rising tide of chronic absence challenges schools. <https://www.attendanceworks.org/rising-tide-of-chronic-absence-challenges-schools/>

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