



Schalmont Middle School & High School



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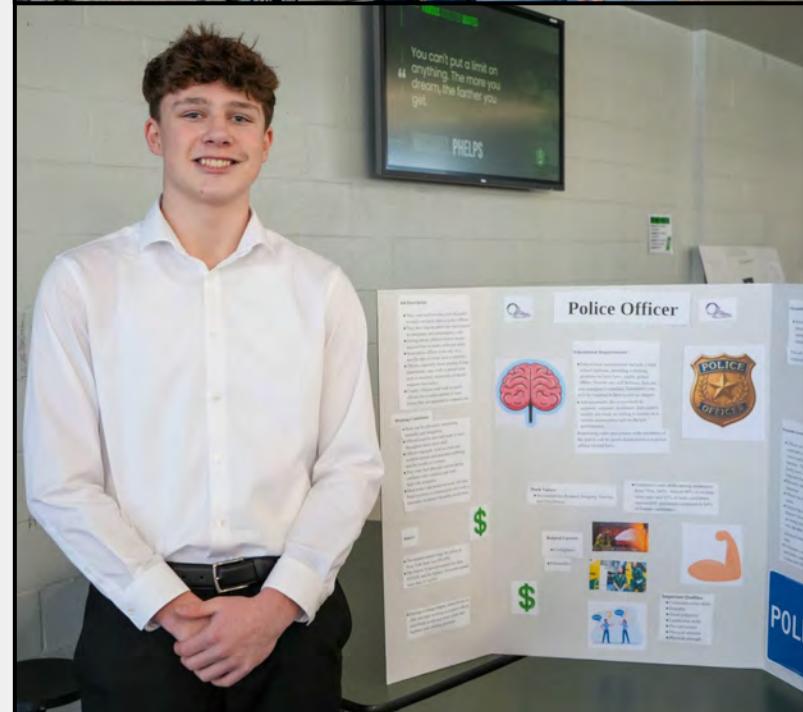
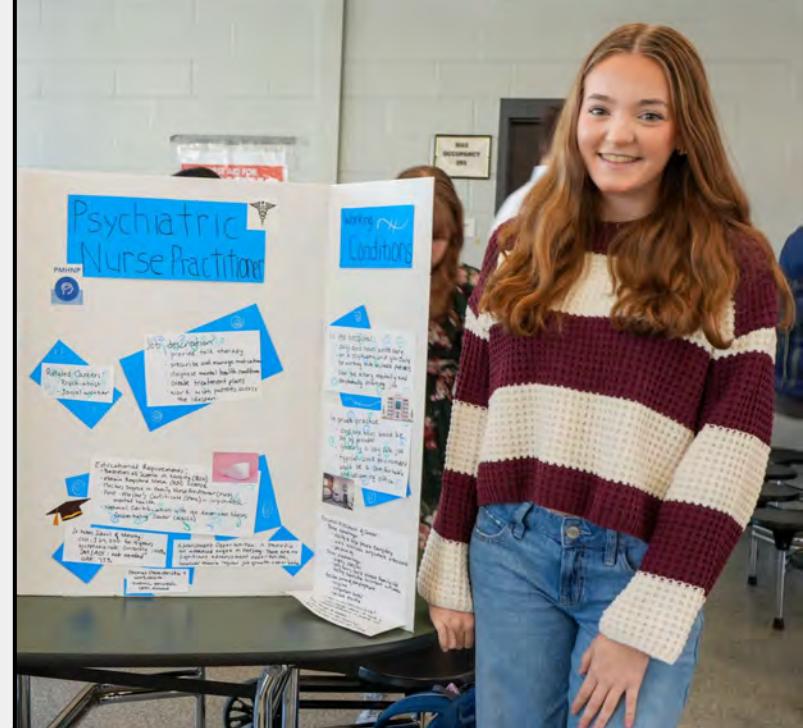
Every Day Counts: Supporting Student Attendance at the Middle School and High School





Areas of Focus

- Attendance Plan
- Attendance Teams
- Interventions and Strategies





Attendance Plan

Systems Approach

- Use consistent procedures to track attendance daily.
- Review attendance data regularly to identify patterns and students needing support.
- Ensure communication between teachers, counselors, administrators, and families.
- Establish clear attendance expectations and consequences that are applied fairly.

Make Attendance a Priority

- Include attendance goals in the school's overall improvement plan.
- Address attendance during staff meetings, assemblies, and family communications.
- Assign staff members specific roles related to attendance monitoring and follow-up.

Emphasize the Importance of Attendance

- Educate students on how attendance impacts academic success and future opportunities.
- Share attendance expectations with families at the start of the year and throughout.
- Highlight positive messages about being present, prepared, and engaged.



Attendance Teams

Multi-Building Wide Attendance Team

- Comprised of 5 Middle School and 5 High School Teachers
- Meets monthly to discuss attendance incentives and recognition
- Builds community partnerships to help recognize positive student attendance (gift card donations from local businesses for raffles)

Building Level Attendance Team

- Meets at the building levels and includes stakeholders such as counselors, social workers, school psychologists, and administrators
- Reviews student attendance data and identifies students whose attendance may be excessive
- Develops action steps to help identify barriers and improve attendance (phone calls home, letters mailed, parent meetings, check ins with students)





Interventions and Strategies

Attendance Recognition

- Acknowledge students with improved or perfect attendance.
- Celebrate attendance milestones through announcements, certificates, or bulletin boards.
- Recognize classrooms or grade levels with high attendance rates.

Peer Tutoring

- Provide peer tutoring for students who miss instructional time.
- Pair students with trained peer mentors to support academic catch-up.
- Use tutoring as a way to reduce anxiety about returning to class after absences.

Attendance Incentives

- Offer age-appropriate incentives for improved or consistent attendance.
- Use non-monetary rewards such as extra privileges, school events, or recognition.
- Focus on growth and improvement, not just perfect attendance.





Next Steps

- Effectiveness of Interventions and Strategies
- Root Cause and Barriers to Attendance
- Family and Community Engagement
- Impact of Attendance on Student Outcomes
- Parent Square Attendance Plus



Thank you!!

Questions and comments....

