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ENGAGE Arkansas – Attendance Recovery Program

ENGAGE Arkansas is a statewide partnership to support students, families, and teachers during a time of rapid change and challenge. With the help of academic coaches and mentors, this program will increase attendance and academics as well as provide teachers with the additional support needed to overcome the barriers of the current learning environment.

Program Overview

ENGAGE Arkansas assists districts in supporting students and families who disengaged during this challenging time. This program builds connections that result in improved attendance, engagement, and academic success. Through ENGAGE Arkansas, K-12 students who may be experiencing struggles adapting to new learning schedules and environments will be able to access the support they need to be successful.

The program starts with a multi-modal outreach strategy designed to reach eligible students and families via phone, mail, text, or social media. Once re-connected, students are given the opportunity to work with a dedicated coach through the end of the school year. The coach helps to identify and mitigate the obstacles preventing engagement, helps the student learn the skills necessary to succeed in the remote learning environment, monitors the student's pace and progress, and provides the support the student needs to stay engaged, helping them continue their educational journey and progress toward graduation.

ENGAGE Arkansas will also provide our teachers with the support they need to increase enrollment and attendance and support our students' academic goals. As we work toward the ultimate goal of a full and safe re-opening of our schools, this program will help ensure that students maintain academic progress and stay on track for continued success.

Which Students Qualify?

There are many reasons why a student might be disengaged right now — and, as our data from the spring shows, even those who were successful in their classes before the public health crisis may be struggling. This is not their fault, nor is it the fault of their teachers or their schools. The learning environment has



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shifted in profound ways and many students are struggling with this change. The following students qualify to participate in the ENGAGE Arkansas program. Students who are in grade k-12 and who:

- did not engage or were “no shows” in their LEA’s remote continuous education offerings in Spring or Fall 2020.
- are in need of intervention by being absent or not consistently engaged in their classes.
- are in danger of failing one or more class.
- are McKinney Vento eligible.
- have a reported allegation of educational neglect.
- students whose families have requested additional support.

On-Going Support Levels

Graduation Alliance’s Ongoing Support Levels are delivered through Academic Coaches and vary based on the Ongoing Support Level to which the student is assigned based. The engagement with students could range from daily outreach to periodic check-ins with students and their families.