

# Truancy and Dropout: Mending Cracks in the Graduation Pipeline

What are best practices for improving school attendance and high school graduation? How can you make a difference for young people in your community who are drifting away from school and academic success? The National Center for School Engagement's web-based course in truancy reduction will help *you* help *them*.<sup>1</sup>

In nine units you will learn how to nip unexcused absence in the bud, identify the causes of attendance problems, and re-engage, rather than further alienate vulnerable children and their families. You will learn how other communities are successfully tackling their attendance and dropout problems, receive guidance in researching your state laws and regulations and begin thinking about ways to evaluate your efforts.



Each unit in this user-friendly course is supplemented by links to outside reading materials, websites and video clips that illustrate the main concepts taught in the unit. A Community Forum allows you to share ideas with other course-takers.

Convenient online personal account status is readily available. You can view and monitor your status at any time to see which pages have been viewed, remaining tasks to be completed, quiz results, and whether quiz retakes are available. There are easy links to view forums and for networking with other course participants. You may go back to review as many times as you like using either the back button at the bottom of each page or the linked table of contents on the left of the screen. Each time you log in you will start where you left off last time. Glossary definitions for important terms pop up with a click at any point in the course, or you may print the whole glossary for your files.

The course is designed at the community college level. Units will take most people between two and four hours to complete, depending on the topic. Several homework assignments are included. You have two chances to pass each unit quiz and the final exam with a score of 80% or better. Passing is simple if you cover all the material – we want everyone to achieve academic success! After meeting all course requirements, you can print a personalized certificate of completion as proof of your accomplishment.

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<sup>1</sup> A computer with Internet access, sound capability and printer is required.



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## Nine units cover:

- Why school attendance matters so much
- AAA Schools: the NCSE approach
- Causes of truancy
- Patterns of absence
- Helpful approaches
- Tips for effective case management
- Compulsory school attendance law
- Evaluation
- Summary and review

## Rates:

Single user	\$149
10-user group package	\$1,341 (10% discount)
20-user group package	\$2,533 (15% discount)

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