



# INTERVENTION STRATEGIES

- Truancy notifications
- Conferences with school staff, parents, and students
- Home visits
- Referral services
- Other services as needed

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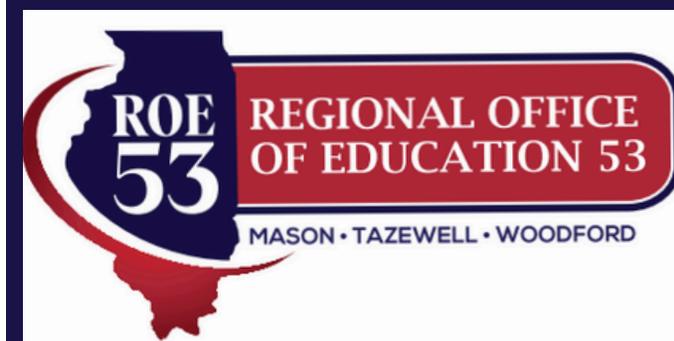
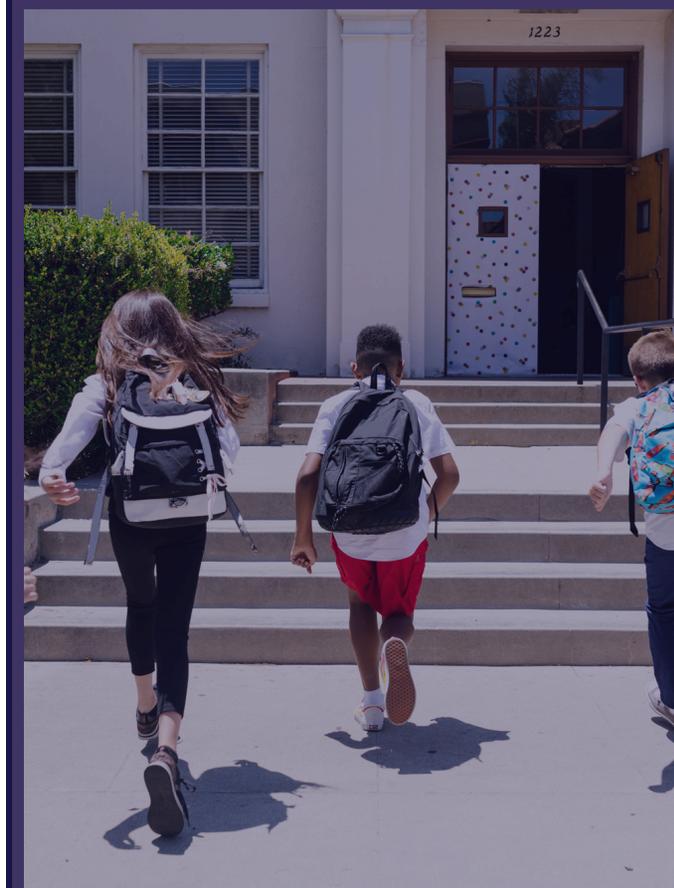
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# Truancy Intervention



## Intro.

ROE 53's truancy intervention program serves 30 districts, grades K-12. Two case managers work with truant students, their families, schools, and outside agencies to establish regular attendance and achieve academic success. Alternative school offerings are possible for students in grades 9-12.

## Truancy.

Truancy is any unexcused absence from school. Chronic truancy can easily lead to educational failure, social problems, criminal activity, and financial distress. Chronic truancy has also been linked to substance abuse, teen pregnancy, and ultimately, dropping out. Left unaddressed, truancy can have a permanent, harmful effect on the student, family & entire community

## Our Mission.

The mission of the Regional Office of Education #53 is to provide a child-centered environment that cultivates character, fosters academic excellence, and embraces diversity.

District families, community, and staff join as partners to develop creative, exemplary learners with the skills and enthusiasm to contribute to a constantly changing global society.

## Intervention Program

The program's goal is to increase school attendance by collaborating with school staff, parents, & students.

Truancy is often a symptom of more serious underlying issues within a student's life - we seek to identify these causes and work with students to overcome resulting barriers to success at an individual level.

Parents are encouraged to provide any information that could help the student's case manager better understand the student's life / situation.



## What can parents do to help keep their kids in school?

**Focus on student goals:** Have your child identify what he/she wants to get from his/her school experience. Also, have them talk about what they want to do when they grow up. Link those goals to school success!

**Encourage school involvement:** Encourage your child to attend school daily and to be involved in at least one extra-curricular activity at school. Build the child's self-confidence as a student by recognizing when he or she does well in school!

**Be involved with your child's education:** Visit your child's school and get to know the staff. Be familiar with the school attendance policy.

**Remember the school is there to help:** Many factors affect the child's ability to get to school on time. If there are problems that are keeping your child out of school, the school and/or Regional Office of Education may be able to help. Please let us know about your concerns and we will try to help!