

Addressing Chronic Absenteeism: School Nurses Leading for Change

CSHS Session 1 – Key Resources

[Attendance Works](#)

This site contains many resources and tools relevant to school nurses. Below are some recommendations.

- Assessment Tools
 - [District Team Self-Assessment Tool](#)
 - [School-Based Health Program Self-Assessment](#)
 - [School Practice Self-Assessment Tool](#)
- [Attendance Playbook: Smart Strategies for Reducing Student Absenteeism Post-Pandemic](#)
- [Chronic Absence: 3 Tiers of Intervention](#)
- [Toolkits](#)

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)

- [Overview of DESE’s Educational Vision & Catalog of Aligned Supports](#) by Russell Johnston, Acting Commissioner, June 2024
 - Describes DESE’s educational vision and goals.
 - **See:** *Strategic Objectives* on page 5 and consider how school nurses can partner with their educational teams and administrators to meet these objectives.

National Association of School Nurses (NASN)

- [Course: A School Nurse-Led Initiative to Address Chronic Absenteeism](#)
- [Position Statement: Addressing Chronic Absenteeism \(2023\)](#)
- [The School Nurse-Led Active Surveillance Manual](#)
 - “Provides a standardized, evidence-based procedure and resources to support school nurses’ important role in addressing health related absences. Information includes why addressing chronic absenteeism is critical, how to gain school-wide support, and tools for implementing the procedure.” NASN (2020)
Note: There is no cost for this manual and its resources, but you will need to sign in to access it. If you do not have a customer or member account with NASN, you may [create an account from the sign in or login page](#) and then use the account to access this resource.

Free Access Articles and Position Statements

- [Chronic Student Absenteeism: The Critical Role of School Nurses](#) by Kathleen Jacobsen, Linda Meeder, & Vicki R. Voskuil
- [Health and Attendance: The Critical Role of School Nurses in Reducing Chronic Absence](#) by Annie Reed & Sue Fothergill
- [The Link Between School Attendance and Good Health | AAP Policy Statement \(2019\)](#)
- [A Role for Health Systems in Addressing Chronic Absenteeism](#) by Michelle Shankar, Danielle G. Dooley, & Rushina Cholera