

# Join the National Attendance & Engagement Meta Network!

*As a leader in the field, you're invited to [apply](#) to the network's inaugural cohort.*

**Too many students are missing too much school.** The U.S. rate of chronic absenteeism reached 31% in the 2021-2022 school year – that's three out of ten students missing more than 10% of a school year. When students miss school regularly, they are much less likely to read at grade-level or graduate on-time and are more likely to experience poverty, poor health and higher unemployment as adults (Lansford et al., 2016).

**Too many of us are working diligently and heroically on this effort in isolation.** We have successful, but fragmented efforts across the country without a way to connect to and build on one another's learning or share new knowledge and understanding. **Students need us to work together, learn together and capture improvements that can be shared and scaled.**

To meet this challenge, the [National Coalition for Improvement in Education \(NCIE\)](#) at the High Tech High Graduate School of Education is launching the National Attendance & Engagement Meta Network in January 2025. Teams representing states, districts, or networks of schools will be part of the first cohort. The goals of this network are to cultivate a community of leaders in the field who:

- 1) ACCELERATE:** Radically improve chronic absenteeism rates for students who are most vulnerable across the entire country
- 2) CONNECT:** Grow a community of peers across the country all working together on a common aim
- 3) LEARN:** Share promising improvements and timely data to build practice-based evidence across various efforts

## Commitment:

- Team of 3-4 working on reducing chronic absenteeism rates and collecting data
- Convene face-to-face (in San Diego) two times a year. **As members of the first cohort, membership and travel costs will be covered for you and your team.**
- Contribute to virtual monthly meetings to share data, new learning and impact.

## Learn More

Virtual Network Design Sessions - [Register Here](#)

October 16th, 12 -1pm PST/ 3-4pm EST

October 22nd, 10 - 11am PST/ 1 - 2pm EST

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