

District Attendance Initiatives 2021-2022

National/District Goal is to decrease chronic absenteeism by 10% each year

1. September-Attendance Awareness Month

This is an opportunity for schools, parents, and the community to highlight the importance of attendance and its role in academic achievement and the effects of chronic absenteeism.

2. Everybody Every Day: Poem, Poster and Video Contest (Did not occur this year)

All students will have the opportunity to create poems, posters, and videos showing why attendance is important to education and school achievement. This initiative begins in September and submissions are due in October of each year.

Recognition of Winners: Students receiving awards in the Everybody Every Day Attendance Contest will be recognized by their schools, district administration, and school social work staff. Students will also receive a certificate. The Everybody Every Day Awards Team will come to each school of the winners to reward them.

3. Shirley H. Lee Community Support for School Attendance Award: This award is given to an individual who has exhibited an exemplary personal commitment to promoting regular school attendance. This person has served as an advocate and/or mentor and has given of his time and/or resources to enhance the academic success of a student(s) through encouraging daily attendance. See Nomination Rules Form. This initiative begins in September and submissions are due in October of each school year.

4. Excellence in Attendance Award

At the end of each semester, the schools with the highest attendance rate at the elementary, middle, high school, and alternative education levels will receive a certificate for their *Excellence in Attendance*, \$500, and a district banner to display at their school.

5. Superintendent's Attendance Challenge Award

This award will be given to the top schools at each level achieving the highest reduction in chronic absenteeism during the third nine-weeks, however, we will initiate during 4th 9 weeks this school year. The school achieving first place will receive \$500; the school achieving second place will receive \$250; and the school achieving third place will receive \$125. The school achieving first place will also receive a district banner to display at their school. Schools may participate in a duel challenge and the winner will be awarded \$25. Participating schools are encouraged to research ideas, seek input, and develop strategies prior to the start of the challenge. School Social Services will be providing guidelines for the challenge.

6. Great Strides in Attendance Award

This award will be given to the top schools at the elementary, middle, and high school level for achieving the highest reduction in chronic absenteeism at the end of the school year. Each winning school will receive a certificate, \$75 and a district banner to display at their school.

7. Perfect Attendance Award (Due to Pandemic will not be done this year)

Students who achieve perfect attendance for the school year, which is defined as accruing no absences from school, tardies to school/class, or early checkouts from school beginning the first day of the school year to the last, will be awarded with Perfect Attendance Certificates from the district at the beginning of the following school year (students who enroll in VCS after the first day of school are ineligible).



Nominate an Outstanding Individual to Receive the

Shirley H. Lee

Community Support for School Attendance Award

This award is given to an individual who has exhibited an exemplary personal commitment to promoting regular school attendance. This person has served as an advocate and/or mentor and has given of his/her time and/or resources to enhance the academic success of a student(s) through encouraging daily attendance. Nominees can include school faculty and staff (i.e., administrators, teachers, school counselors, cafeteria workers, office specialists, and support personnel), parents, volunteers, business partners, or members of the community.

The winner of this prestigious award will be notified of their selection by School Social Services and will receive a plaque. This award is named in honor of Shirley H. Lee, the first supervisor of School Social Services who served in that capacity for 18 years. Due to her lifelong dedication to children and education, Mrs. Lee has earned the distinct honor of having this award presented in her name.

RULES

1. Nominations must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 6, 2022.
2. *Do not submit supplementary information*, as it will NOT be considered.
3. Nomination form must be filled out completely and legibly.
4. An incomplete or unsigned nomination form will be disqualified.
5. Nomination forms become the property of the Attendance Committee.
6. Selection Committee decisions are final.

(School Social Workers and members of the district School Social Services are ineligible to receive this award.)

2021-2022
Shirley H. Lee Community Support for School Attendance Award
Nomination Form

Name of Nominee:			
Agency/Affiliation:			
Address:			
Phone:		E-mail:	

Please select the category of your nominee:

Check only one:	<input type="checkbox"/> Faculty or Staff	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer
	<input type="checkbox"/> Business partner	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	

Please provide the following information regarding your nominee.

1. Describe the outstanding activity/activities performed by the nominee.
2. What was the impact of the nominee's activity upon the student/students?
3. Tell us a little about why you feel this person deserves an award for providing outstanding support for school attendance. (Include any interesting or unusual information about the nominee. Attach an additional sheet of paper if needed.)

Nominator's Signature: _____ Date Submitted: _____

Nominator's Phone Number: _____

Please forward all nominations via truck mail, fax, or e-mail by May 6, 2022

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