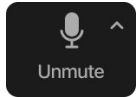
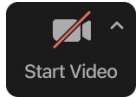


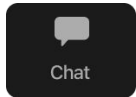
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Child Welfare and Attendance Monthly Call



December 5, 2024

Agenda

- Introduction / Sign In
- Share Out
 - What are you most looking forward to this holiday season?
 - Name that Tune
- Monthly Call Purpose
- Presentation
 - Susan Dupont, RN, BSN, CCHC
LA School Nurse Consultant
- Updates

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Share Out

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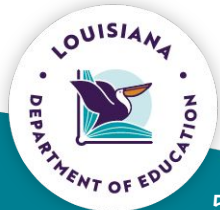
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Monthly Call Purpose

- **Focus:** The Effects of Chronic Conditions on School Attendance
- **Purpose:** Utilizing strategies and resources to understand chronic illness and how to reduce the amount of absences that adds to chronic absenteeism

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The Effects of Chronic Health Conditions on School Attendance

How School RNs can help.



Susan Dupont, RN, BSN, CCHC

Objectives

- History of School Nursing
- Chronic Absenteeism vs. Truancy
- Contributing Factors
- Chronic Health Conditions
- Exclusion Criteria of the Ill Child



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History of School Nursing



History of School Nursing



The development of the school nursing concept came to be when New York City tried to think of ways to decrease their problems with absenteeism in their schools.

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The Experiment

In 1897, the city of New York hired 150 doctors to try and help decrease the number of absences of students and decrease the spread of communicable diseases.





The First School Nurse

In 1902, the New York School District gave Lina Rogers, a lone nurse, a one month trial to work in 4 schools with a student population of almost 9,000. The goal was to reduce the absenteeism and communicable disease problems that continued to plague their school district.

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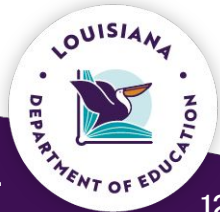


The Role of the School RN

Today the school nursing model is much the same as it was in the early 1900s and still provides:

- Direct care
- Case Management
- Advocating for students and families
- Education for parents/guardians/teachers/staff

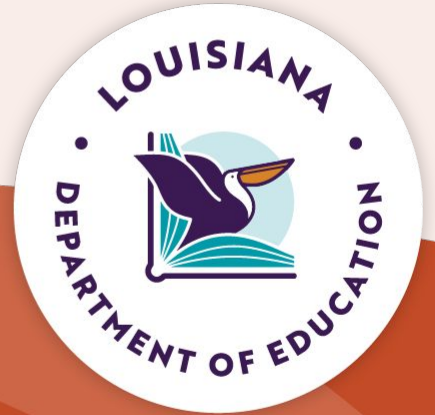
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Then and Now

Chronic Absenteeism vs Truancy



Chronic Absenteeism & Truancy

Chronic Absenteeism - incorporates all absences: excused, unexcused and suspensions. The focus is on the academic consequences of this lost instructional time and on preventing absences before students miss so much school that they fall behind.

Truancy - a term that generally refers to unexcused absences. In the past, federal law required states to track truancy but left it to states to come up with the definition.

Truancy is defined as students who have 5 tardies or 5 unexcused absences in a semester.

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Contributing Factors



Challenges Facing Today's Students

- Chronic health conditions
- Disabilities
- Transportation issues
- Mental health issues
- Major social determinants of health

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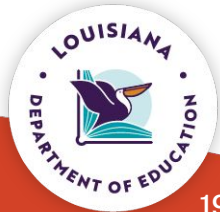
Chronic Health Conditions



Chronic Health Conditions

- Diabetes
- Asthma
- Seizure disorders
- Food Allergies
- Obesity
- Inadequate dental health

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Managing Chronic Health Conditions

The school RN is tasked with the management of students with chronic health conditions and the development of the Individual Health Plan (IHP).



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Exclusion Criteria of the Ill Child

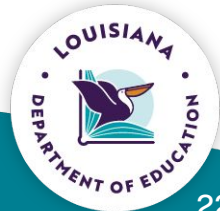


Managing the Ill Child

Students who present in the nursing office with a complaint of illness are screened. If the student is determined to have a potential contagious illness, the student is excluded from school.



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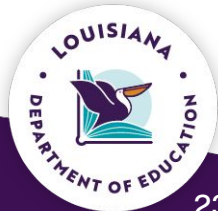


When to Exclude

- Illness prevents participation
- Fever
- Care needs are greater than staff can provide
- Suspected communicable disease
- Vomiting two or more times
- Diarrhea that is not contained
- Mouth sores that cause excessive drooling

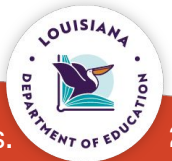


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Conclusion

School RNs, through management of chronic conditions, medication administration, exclusion of the ill child, and general health screenings, help to keep students in school where they are able to learn and become productive members of society. The role of the school RN helps to eliminate the need for most students to be sent home thus decreasing chronic absenteeism.



Resources

- [The Relentless school RN: A Message From Our Past is Even More Meaningful Today](#)
- [The Nation's Report Card](#)
- [The Effects of Chronic Absenteeism in Schools](#)
- [Tracking State Trends in Chronic Absenteeism](#)
- [School Nursing and Population Health: Past, Present, and Future](#)
- [LA Law R.S. 17:233](#)
- [Managing Chronic Health Conditions](#)
- [Recommendations for Inclusion or Exclusion](#)



Questions?

Resources

Louisiana Attendance Planning

- Attendance Action Planning Workbook
- Toolkit Slides
- Chronic Absenteeism Rate Report
- Attendance Action Plans
- Peer-learning Surveys



[LDOE Child Welfare & Attendance webpage](#)

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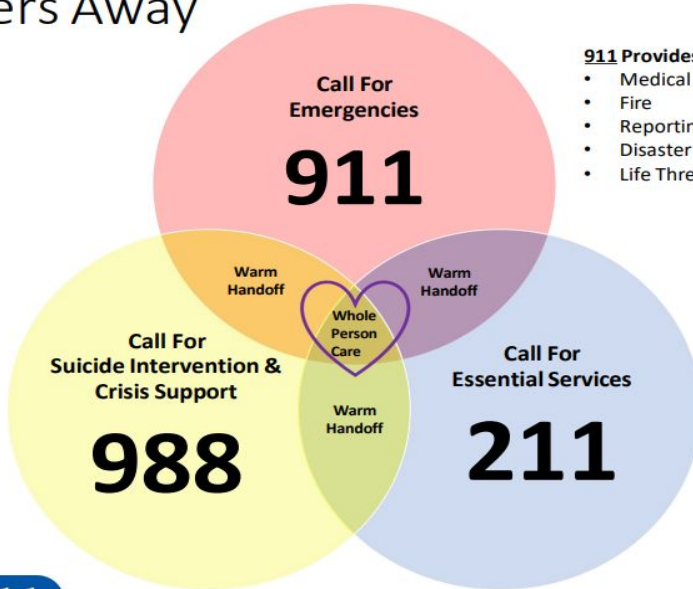


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Help is 3 Numbers Away

988 Provides Crisis Support for:

- Thoughts of Suicide
- Mental Health Crisis
- Substance Use Crisis
- Emotional Distress



911 Provides First Responder Dispatch for:

- Medical Emergency
- Fire
- Reporting a Crime
- Disaster Response
- Life Threatening Situation

211 Maintains a Comprehensive Community Resources Database and Provides Information & Referrals for:

- Food
- Housing & Shelter
- Utility Assistance
- Healthcare Services
- Government Services
- Transportation
- Legal Services
- Counseling & Support Groups
- Disaster aftercare
- & Everything Else



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Updates



- December Presentation is on the [LDOE Monthly Calls](#) webpage
- January [CWA Monthly Call](#)
 - 8am, January 9
- **Save The Date:**
 - Fast Forward/CWA Summit
February 25
Cajun Dome, Lafayette