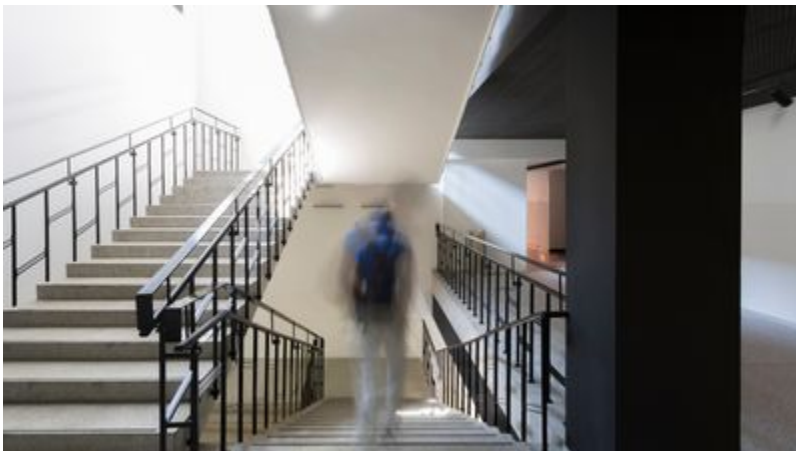
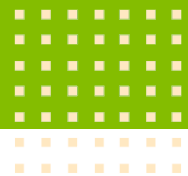




## Viewpoints

# Finding Creative Solutions to Student Absenteeism



Addressing student absenteeism requires a multifaceted approach that combines early intervention, community involvement, and supportive educational environments. Early warning systems that utilize data analytics can help schools identify students at risk of chronic absenteeism by tracking attendance patterns and other related indicators. Once identified, schools can implement targeted interventions such as personalized learning plans, mentorship programs, and additional academic support to address the unique needs of each student. Additionally, establishing strong relationships with parents and guardians through regular communication and involvement in the educational process can foster a sense of accountability and shared responsibility for ensuring students attend school regularly.

Community engagement is also crucial in addressing the broader issues that contribute to student absenteeism. Schools can partner with local organizations, healthcare providers, and social services to address external factors such as poverty, health issues, and transportation barriers. For example, providing access to school-



based health services and reliable transportation options can remove significant obstacles that prevent students from attending school. Moreover, creating a positive and inclusive school culture that celebrates attendance and engages students through extracurricular activities and supportive peer networks can enhance students' sense of belonging and motivation to attend school. By taking a holistic approach that involves all stakeholders, schools can create an environment that supports regular attendance and academic success.

**The number of California kids missing too many school days tripled — from 12% to 30% — during the pandemic, and school districts have been searching for ways to bring them back.**

**The staff at Alvord Unified School District, which serves roughly 16,000 students in Riverside County, turned to technology to help engage with families after staff got overwhelmed tracking attendance and mailing truancy letters to those with three or more unexcused absences.**

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