

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #7
Attendance Advocate Pilot Program
July 22, 2026

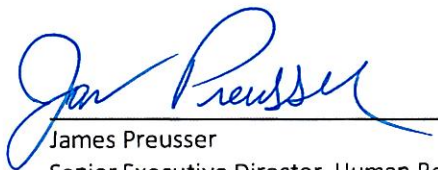
The District received grant funding via the Foundation for Orange County Public Schools to implement strategies with a goal to improve attendance for chronically absent students at select schools. After further review, the District identified six (6) schools for this project: Chain of Lakes, Liberty and Piedmont Lakes middle schools and Dr. Phillips, Edgewater and Wekiva high schools.

The project includes the following elements:

1. Principals will seek volunteers to serve as an Attendance Advocate for their identified grade level
 - a. To accommodate the school population, there will be up to two (2) advocates at the middle schools identified above and up to three (3) advocates at the high schools identified above.
2. Attendance Advocates will spend up to ten (10) hours per month to support chronic absenteeism efforts as follows:
 - a. Up to three (3) hours per month for planning activities, including data monitoring, identifying and maintaining a targeted caseload of up to 40 students, expanding to include additional students as families become more engaged and are removed from the caseload
 - b. Generating reports
 - c. Collaborating with the Absenteeism Team
 - d. Partnering with school personnel to address attendance barriers
 - e. Supporting the ShowUp2School campaign
 - f. Communicating through OCPS-approved platforms such as text messaging, phone calls, emails and in-person visits
 - g. Documenting all interactions and time allocation in a shared tracking system for accountability and transparency
 - h. Serving on the Chronic Absenteeism Team (CAT)
3. The School Choice Office will provide training on the expected responsibilities and reporting requirements.
4. Provide an annual supplement of \$2,770 paid on a biweekly basis for the 2026-27 school year.

This MOU expires June 30, 2027.

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