

When Schools and Courts Collaborate

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What is Chronic Absence?

Chronic absence is defined as missing 10 percent or more of school for **any** reason.



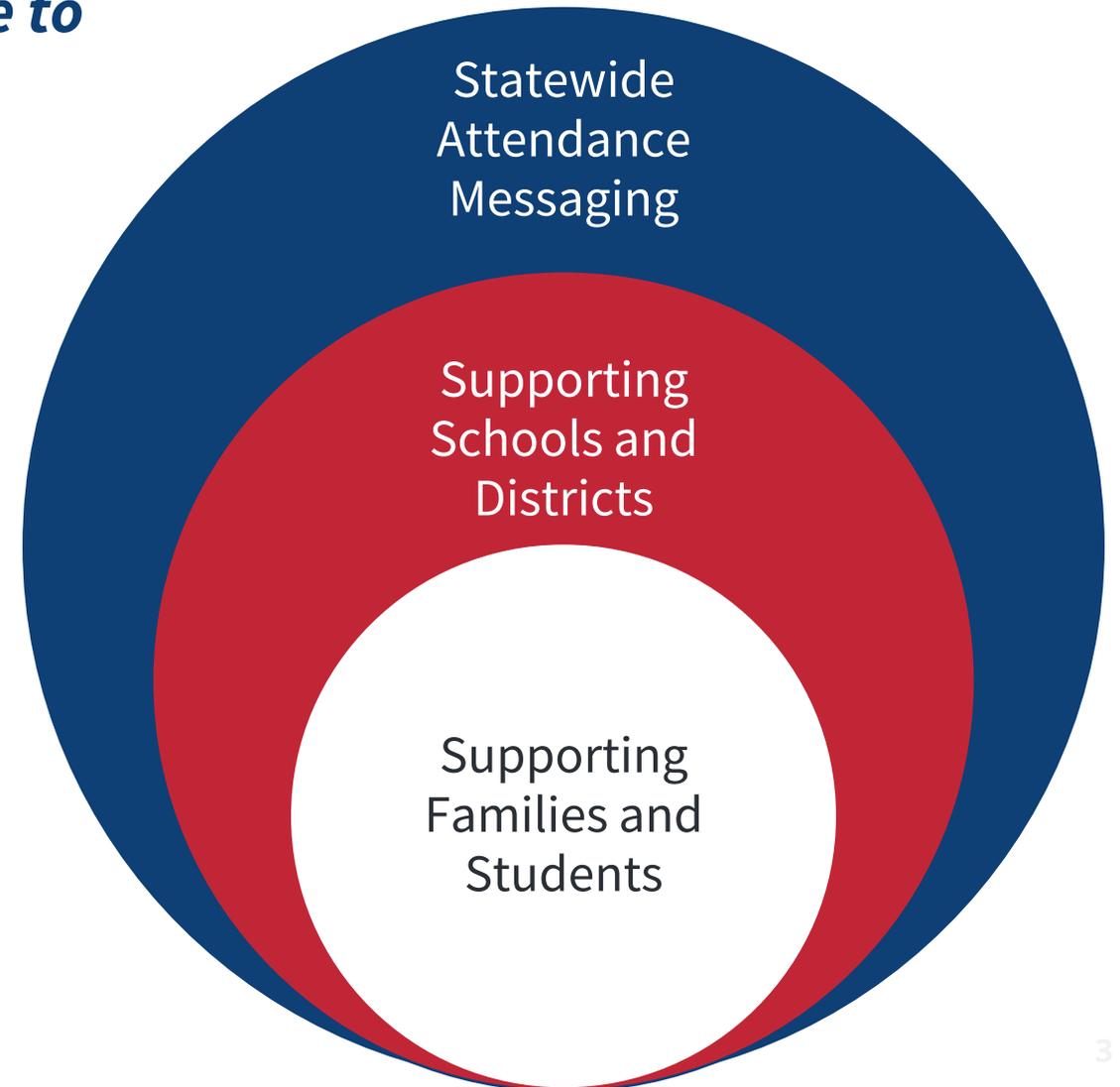
Chronic absence is **different** from truancy (unexcused absences only) or average daily attendance (how many students show up to school each day).

Ohio's Response to the Problem

Our Goal: Reduce statewide chronic absence to 12.8% by 2029

Supports Available:

- [Attendance Support Webpage](#)
- [Stay in the Game! Attendance Network](#)
- [Monthly Attendance Webinars](#)



What Is New In Ohio Law?

September 28, 2025

- Notification requirements
- Complaint filing
 - [ORC 3321.16](#), [3321.19](#)

August, 2026

- Board policy
- Absence intervention teams
 - [ORC 3321.191](#)



What Is New In Ohio Law?

Definitions

Removed

- Medical Excuse
- Excessive Absences

Added

- Chronically Absent

Court Filing

Countdown Removed

- Habitual Truancy
Thresholds Unchanged
- “Satisfactory progress”
guides filing decisions

Board Policy

“Not later than” Aug 2026

- Consult with others
- Help prevent chronic absence
- Absence Intervention Teams:
students “at risk of becoming
chronically absent”
- Notification procedures
- Establish a tiered system

Housekeeping

- Recording Availability
- Next webinar: Sept 5. Stay tuned!
- Questions for Presenters



Presenters

Champaign County

Judge Lori Reisinger

Montgomery County

Yutonda Harrison

Michelle Zeremba and Nan
Paraskevopoulos, Dayton Mediation Center

Franklin County

Julie Troth, Director of Programs and
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Delaware County

Robert Rice, Magistrate

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