

# Attendance Improvement Institute

## About the Attendance Improvement Institute

The North Mississippi Education Consortium (NMEC), in partnership with the Mississippi Department of Education's Office of Compulsory School Attendance and Dropout Prevention is partnering with the National Dropout Prevention Center to offer regional Attendance Improvement Institutes to school district teams. The Attendance Improvement Institutes will provide the schools you serve with a facilitated process to develop and implement locally appropriate attendance improvement plans.

The Attendance Improvement Institute is a two-day working event that guides school-level teams to build research-based and foundational attendance improvement plans that have a high probability of significantly improving attendance rates. Additionally, the Institute prepares school-level teams to provide necessary professional development to guide and sustain school-level initiatives.

During the two-day working event, school teams will be guided to produce and implement customized and logical plans of action. Participating teams will leave the event with workable school plans, strategies for implementation, and links to ongoing support and resources that will sustain their work over time.

### At the Conclusion of the Event District Teams Will be Prepared to:

- Analyze attendance data to identify target areas and populations.
- Understand the pandemic's impact on student attendance.
- Inventory and assess the effectiveness of current attendance improvement initiatives.
- Lead the attendance improvement planning process and use the NDPC Attendance Improvement Assessment Instrument and NDPC Attendance Improvement Planning Template to develop school-specific attendance plans.
- Utilize the NDPC Attendance improvement Practice Guide to redeliver content and concepts.
- Utilize the NDPC School-wide Engagement Assessment Instrument.
- Utilize the NDPC Individual Student Engagement Assessment instrument.
- Be able to guide others to access and use attendance improvement resources.

## Dates & Locations

### Feb. 24-25

Oxford, Oxford Conference Center

### Feb. 26-27

Meridian, MSU Kahlmus Aud.

### Mar. 4-5

Cleveland, DSU Ewing Hall

### Mar. 6-7

Tupelo, ICC Belden

### March 17-18

Hattiesburg, USM Trent Lott Center

### March 19-20

Gulfport, Coast Transit Authority Event Center and Hub

### Apr. 1-2

Hattiesburg, USM Trent Lott Center

### Apr. 3-4

Gulfport, Knight Non-profit Center

### Apr. 7-8

Indianola, MDCC Capp Center

### Apr. 28-29

Jackson, R & D Center

### Apr. 30-May 1

Meridian, MSU Kahlmus

### May 15-16

Jackson, R & D Center



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