



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF THE REDWOODS**

ATTENDANCE COUNCIL **Parent Information & Consent Form**

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The Attendance Council is a program of the Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods. It is a peer support group that is adult facilitated but peer led; it is a place where youth can help other youth get back on track with school attendance. The process is positive and solution oriented.

Through crafting individualized action plans, the teens themselves come up with incentives, explore barriers, and markers for success regarding attendance challenges and school engagement.

By the end of the program, the goal is to see a measurable improvement in school attendance or a maintenance of 90% attendance with no cuts or tardies.

If the student is not able to achieve improvement, or stops participating, then the case is referred back to the school for additional interventions/supports.

Purpose of the Attendance Council:

- Discover and break down barriers to school engagement and attendance
- Youth can set achievable goals and see some success
- Keep youth out of trouble, break the cycle of disengagement, and interacting with caring adults and peers

Logistics:

- This is a 4-week program
- Takes place on **Wednesdays, 4:15-5:45 pm for 4 WEEKS**
- Located at the Boys & Girls Club Teen Lounge, 939 Harris Street, Eureka (glass doors off of the parking lot)

Stages:

- School identifies your youth as a good candidate for Attendance Council
- Attendance Council calls parent/guardian & student for a phone intake
- At initial session, action plan crafted
- After initial session, ongoing check-in meetings of support for 3 weeks
- 4th session is completion of action plan/graduation/certificate
- There is opportunity for youth to continue to attend and volunteer to help others

By signing this document, I hereby understand and agree to the following:

- I understand that the Boys & Girls Club's Attendance Council is a voluntary 4-week support group. I have been identified as a good candidate who could benefit from this opportunity to improve school attendance.
- I understand that Boys & Girls Club's Attendance Council is facilitated by both a youth and adult but focused on peer-to-peer mentoring amongst other teens. We help each other solve our problems.
- By choosing to participate in Boys & Girls Club's Attendance Council, I waive my rights to confidentiality only to the extent necessary for successful participation. I give the school permission to share information with Boys & Girls Club staff, including school attendance or discipline records pertaining to my case.
- I also agree to grant Boys & Girls Club permission to communicate with the school or other officials only to the extent necessary to successfully handle my case.
- I understand that my action plan will include mandatory attendance at future Attendance Council check-ins, where I will check-in on my progress and help others to stay on track.
- I agree that my contact info may be shared with another youth in order to help me to stay on track with school attendance- with them potentially texting reminders or offering peer support.
- I understand that upon successful completion of my action plan, within the time specified, I will graduate out of the support group, but can continue volunteering as a peer mentor if I choose.

We understand these conditions and hereby choose Boys & Girls Club's Attendance Council.

**Attendance Council accepts verbal consent- referring agent can sign initials by proxy*

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Referring Agent Signature

Date