

SAN CARLOS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20



October 25, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Wilde

FROM: B. Wilde

SUBJECT: San Carlos Alternative School

Enrolment by grade (previous month)

7-0

8-0

9-2 (+ 1)

10-9 (-1)

11-28 (-4)

12-53 (+5)

Average Daily Attendance (previous month)

67%

Number of student suspensions (previous month)

4

Important Issues (previous month)

9-12 Attendance Concern

Attendance at the Alternative School decreased from August to September. A number of factors contributed to the decrease.

1. Greater number of school days in the month of September.
2. 20 students had 10 or more absences from school during September. Of these 20, 11 were withdrawn for 10 consecutive absences.
3. Increasing number of students calling in absent due to issues regarding children.
4. 10th grade students had 56% average daily attendance for September.

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5. 5 students were incarcerated during the month of September.
6. Almost every student at Alternative School has history of truancy.

Solution: Excessive truancy from school continues to be the predominant issue at the Alternative School. We continue to make daily contact for absent students, and hold interventive meetings with parents and students who have greater than five absences.

To combat truancy in the school, the Alternative program has initiated a "Behavior Incentive Program". With funding from JOM, we will raffle one iPod Nano to an eligible pool of students with perfect PBIS points for the month. All students with perfect PBIS scores for the month will receive an incentive. Additionally, The school will have a monthly barbeque for students and families (to improve parent involvement and community relations). Students become eligible for the barbeque by attending school with 0 tardies on a week to week basis. Every week w/o a tardy will reward the student with an admission ticket to the barbeque.

We are also concerned with the impact of parenthood for many of our students. Over 50% of students attending the Alternative School are parents, or expecting. We respectfully ask the governing board to consider the impact of parenthood on students across the district, including the Alternative School, and evaluate options to remove this barrier to potential success.

Important events coming up (current month)

October 26, 27, 28- AIMS Testing @ ?

November 5- Monthly Family Barbeque