Be Cool, Pack the School
Attendance Challenge

In an attempt to increase student attendance before the holiday season, we’re challenging ALL schools in the Southwest Region to develop attendance goals and acknowledgements.

Every school will set an attendance goal of 92% by student, class, or grade level for two, two week periods. Schools will create acknowledgements for each period in which the goal is met. Each two week period will start fresh so that all students have a chance to participate even if they didn’t make the goal in the previous period.

Once the goals and acknowledgements are determined and set, please email the Regional Team with the date of the event. We would like to share in your school celebrations.

**Period 1:**
*November 11th – November 22nd*

**Period 2:**
*November 25th – December 13th*
Best Practices to increase attendance....

- Daily announcements (reminders and data)
- AlertNow (weekly)
- Daily classroom discussion regarding attendance data and goals
- Attendance lesson plans (weekly)
- Home school communication
- Acknowledgement system/celebrations

Acknowledgement ideas....

- Extra recess time
- Board games
- Additional computer time
- Homework passes
- Staff/Student Basketball/Kickball games
- VIP lunches
- Spirit Days
- School-wide bingo
- Arts and Crafts
- Student Shout-outs over PA
- “Free choice” time at the end of the day
- 5-minute chat break at the end of class or at the end of the day.

- Wii Party
- Dances
- Picnic Lunch
- Ice Cream/Rootbeer Float/Popsicle Social
- Movie and Popcorn
- Principal classroom visit to play a game, read a book, or share hobbies with classroom
- Talent show
- Breakfast club
- Read-in with flashlights
- Extra PBIS tickets