SEAT 13

THE SEAT SERIES · HANDOUT B · FIND YOUR DATA AND PLAN

Practitioners · K-12

Truancy as the Last Resort

When is a court or formal referral appropriate, and what must come first?



PRESENCE™ DATA DISCOVERY: STEPS IN THIS PROMPT ARE HIGHLIGHTED

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Problem definition	Research evidence	Environmental context	Statistical analysis	Equity assessment	Network and partnership	**Compliance and legal**	Evidence-based recommendations

YOUR PROMPT Audit last year's referrals: how many had a documented conversation and a matched intervention first? That share is your compliance baseline.

RECORD WHAT YOU FIND

Student or group	What the data shows	Reason heard (4 reasons)	Next step, owner, date

REFLECT WITH YOUR TEAM

What does your state require at the first-letter stage?

Does your first letter classify or only count?

Which recent referral would look different after a conversation?

YOUR ROADMAP

FIRST 30 DAYS
Add a pre-referral checklist

BY 90 DAYS (3 MONTHS)
Audit last year's referrals

BY 180 DAYS (6 MONTHS)
Share outcomes with court partners

Measure. Leading: Referrals with documented prior supports. Lagging: Referrals avoided. Record a baseline today and a target for six months.