

Attendance has been a challenge in our city for a long time – when City allocated money to RPS to work on attendance a complete plan of support was presented to the community and attendance has slowly been improving and dropout rates have been dropping.

Updated Attendance Law requires increased number of required contacts and follow up for truant children

VDOE measures both chronically absent children and truant children

Connect with in-house services such as

- McKinney Vento Homeless Ed
- Parent Liaisons
- School Social Workers
- School Counselors
- Communities in Schools
- Therapeutic Day Treatment services

Collaborations with city agencies to wrap services around children including:

- RPD – street, gang, and intervention units;
- RRHA Residential Services,
- DSS / Family Preservation,
- MCV, Cross over Clinics
- RBHA, Child Savers, etc for mental health
- Juvenile Justice Services, Richmond Juvenile Courts
- Richmond City Health District

Took over City Attendance Hotline when services transitioned back to RPS - Responsive to parent, resident, group homes, railroad and business calls

Truancy Sweeps ... not just to tell students to go to school but to find out what's going on and provide services or supports. Va Law gives attendance officers the authority to intervene in the community – strong collaboration with RPD to stem the school to prison pipeline and provide support in the street instead of police paperwork for truancy.

Serve as bridge to homes, support to parents who do not / will not come up to schools