



Truancy Prevention & Intervention Services
Atlanta Public Schools, Atlanta Police Department, MARTA J.C.P.T.
Collaborative Supports

Supports: The following Truancy Collaborative activities are aligned with the existing APD.SOP.3191 provided by the Atlanta Police Department and the responsibilities of MARTA officers assigned to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Team.

Educational Canvassing

Truancy Officers (T.O.) and MARTA JCPT:

- Will routinely patrol their assigned zones daily to identify students who appear to be in violation of the city ordinance on school days between 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Will attempt friendly engagement of students to gather information regarding unsupervised activity and determine the underlying cause of ongoing lack of virtual or face-to-face school participation.
- Will complete an intake sheet and submit student names to the truancy social worker (TSW) or designee to confirm enrollment onsite. If student is currently enrolled in an APS school, the TSW will facilitate parent communication.
- Will advise students of the ordinance violation, give a verbal or written warning and they will be permitted to return home. For students who are able to return home without assistance, TSW will attempt confirmation of arrival with parent. If the student requires additional support, the T.O. will determine if transportation to the home or to a local @promisecenter is needed.
- Will connect with the out-of-zone school district or police department for additional support, If the juvenile is not an APS student.

Student Welfare Checks

T.O.'s Truancy Officers (T.O.) and MARTA JCPT:

- Will conduct weekly scheduled, joint home visits with school based social workers as needed for the following:
 - Students who have chronically low to no virtual classroom participation and no improvement after school based intervention
 - Students whose parents have not been contacted or contact information is incorrect or no longer in service
 - Students who are consistently caught in violation of city ordinance code106-229

Truancy Sweep/Hot Spot Diffusion

Truancy Officers (T.O.) and MARTA JCPT:

- Once a month, take a turn in identifying a hot spot in their zone to diffuse frequent unsupervised student gathering or activity. The TSW will schedule the date and location for ALL zone truancy officers and MARTA Juvenile Crime officers to facilitate a hot spot diffusion. Hot Spot Diffusions will always begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m.
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Community Awareness

Truancy Officers (T.O.) and MARTA JCPT:

- Can facilitate an on-the-go intro to parents, students, businesses/churches regarding the purpose of their presence in the community
- Can help distribute flyers with messaging about attendance to students, parents, businesses and churches.
- Can help empower the community by offering a presence for prevention and intervention, as well as a resource for maintaining student safety.

Meetings & Documentation

- The TSW will meet with the T.O.'s and MARTA on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. to discuss calendar events, troubleshooting, needs assessments and protocols.
- Attend parent meetings as a representative to explain the violation of the Georgia Compulsory School Attendance Law and city ordinance 106-229 and other possible legal implications, if needed.
- Participate in virtual and face-to-face group workshops to help raise awareness and empower parents and students who may need extra support.