

P.A.T.H Prevention

A Scott County Preventative Initiative: Promoting Attendance Through Hope.

What is PATH Prevention?

PATH Prevention comprises two local organizations (TreeHouse & The Katallasso Group) working together to guide and empower students and families in school success. By offering a continuum of care and support, the PATH Prevention team invests in students and parents through restorative meetings to make agreements, case management, mentoring, family mediation, and support groups for all.

When are students enrolled to PATH?

When a student ages 12-17 has incurred 3 or more unexcused absences from school and/or class periods, schools will send a letter to parents that their student has been referred into PATH Prevention of Scott County to prevent an official filing of truancy with Scott County. If a student reaches 7 or more unexcused absences WITHOUT participating in PATH Prevention Services, they can be referred by their school to go through PATH Prevention and customized discussions will occur. PATH Prevention services will focus on assessing student and family strengths, needs, risk factors and developing a custom plan to improve school attendance.

What can students and parents expect?

You can expect to hear from the PATH team shortly. Their friendly staff will listen to your needs and help guide you. They will explain the next steps to promote school attendance and obtain a digital Release of Information to begin working with you.



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PATH Prevention Organizations

PATH Prevention comprises two local organizations working together to create a streamlined and seamless experience for schools, parents, and students to prevent truancy in Scott County schools.

Treehouse is a nonprofit organization on a mission to end youth hopelessness among teens and families. Programs include One-on-One Mentoring, support groups, group outings and activities, and truancy prevention.
<https://www.scottcountytreehouse.org>

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The Katallasso Group is a Restorative Family Mediation training center and direct services provider working with children, youth, and their families.
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What are good reasons for missing school?

EXCUSED ABSENCES: A parent or guardian may seek an excused absence from school for his/her child. A school can accept or deny an application for an excused absence.

VALID EXCUSES FOR MISSING SCHOOL:

Sickness - you may be required to have documentation from your doctor. •
Medical treatment, including mental health • Religious holidays

INVALID REASONS FOR MISSING SCHOOL: • Staying home to babysit • Work •
Being tired • Travel/vacation • Needed at home • Cold weather • Missed bus •
Needing a language interpreter



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Truancy Law: School Attendance is required.

A child between the ages of 7 and 17 must attend school. At the age of 17, a youth cannot drop out of school without their parents' permission. Written forms must be completed at a school meeting.

Schools, parents/guardians, and students have responsibilities which include:

SCHOOLS:

- Provide a program or schedule that meets the student's educational needs.
- Address problems identified as barriers to the student's attending and learning.
- Maintain accurate attendance records and document communication with parents/ guardians and students about attendance.

PARENTS & GUARDIANS:

- Talk and listen to your student - address the reasons for missing school
- Share with your student just how important school is to their future.
- Help with homework questions or find someone to assist if needed. Have a set bedtime and morning routine.
- Get your student an alarm clock. Communicate with the school and their attendance policy.
- Don't cover for your student's unexcused absences. Get your student services if problems interfere with school attendance.

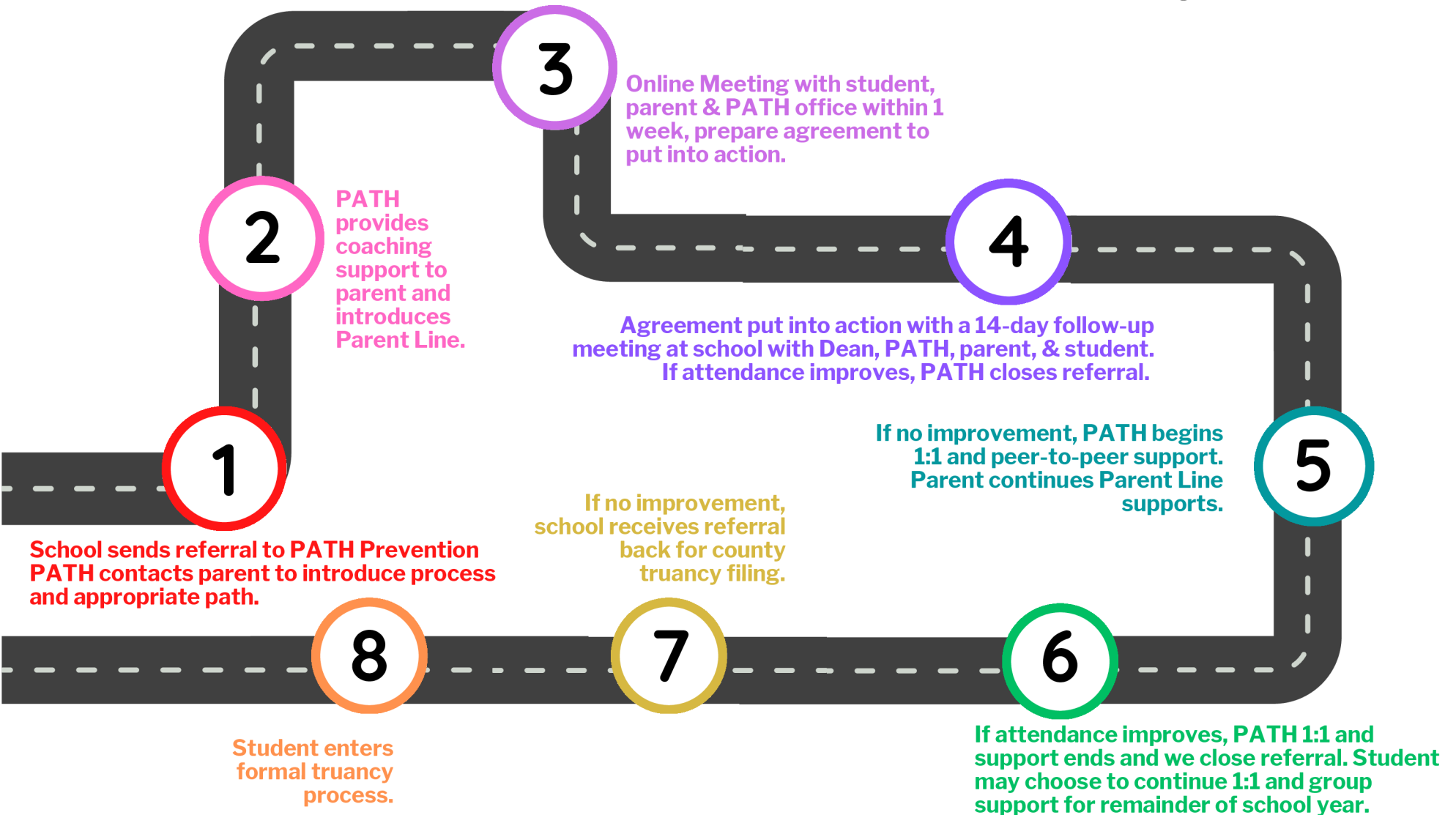
STUDENTS:

- You can find a caring adult who can help you...share with them your struggles with school.
- Talk to someone.
- It is your responsibility to get to school daily and be on time. Complete your homework daily.
- Know and follow school policies and rules



PATH PREVENTION STEP-BY-STEP SUPPORT

TRADITIONAL PATH



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FAST PATH

