



Leon County Schools Attendance

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Agenda

Overview of Average Daily Attendance

Overview of Chronic Absenteeism Data

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Average Daily Attendance

Average Daily Attendance is the attendance percentage by grade level that is attending school daily.

Administrators utilize this data to work with their teams to target certain grade levels to improve their attendance.



What is our current average daily attendance compared to last year?

08/10/22-05/25/23 Average Daily Attendance	
Grade	ADA
PK	90.36%
KG	92.44%
01	93.18%
02	93.21%
03	93.52%
04	93.40%
05	93.11%
06	90.86%
07	90.60%
08	89.29%
09	86.68%
10	87.58%
11	85.93%
12	84.32%
Total	90.44%

08/10/23-11/09/23 Average Daily Attendance	
Grade	ADA
PK	93.26%
KG	92.87%
01	93.40%
02	94.04%
03	94.17%
04	94.17%
05	94.09%
06	93.09%
07	91.99%
08	92.45%
09	90.70%
10	90.59%
11	90.54%
12	91.15%
Total	92.72%

Chronic Absenteeism

Chronic absenteeism is defined as any student that misses 10% or more of schooling each year.

For Leon County Schools we are on a 180 calendar, so that is roughly 2 days a month or 18 days a year.

Chronic absenteeism includes excused absences as well.

The current national average for chronic absenteeism is 27%.

What is our current chronic absenteeism rate compared to last year for the 1st nine weeks?

22-23 District Summary 1st Nine Weeks	
Grade	Percent of Students Chronically Absent
01	18.72%
02	20.32%
03	16.95%
04	14.83%
05	17.67%
06	23.16%
07	24.80%
08	27.12%
09	30.42%
10	27.61%
11	32.11%
12	31.81%
KG	22.62%
PK	27.30%
Total	23.64%

District 23-24 1st Nine Weeks	
Grade	Percent of Students Chronically Absent
PK	23.53%
KG	29.92%
01	25.86%
02	23.36%
03	21.52%
04	22.33%
05	22.73%
06	24.78%
07	27.19%
08	24.14%
09	36.31%
10	32.60%
11	36.27%
12	37.45%
Total	27.31%



Call to action

Dr. Michelle Gayle & Jessica Lowe are meeting with each school individually to discuss strategies to improve attendance.

We are reaching out to you parents for support on spreading the message of the district-wide campaign on attendance.

Dr. Michelle Gayle is forming a Truancy Task Force with members of the City, County, TPD, LCSO, and the Clergy for assistance.

Families in Transition Program (Homeless Students)



- Currently, we have 620 students identified as homeless in the district.
- We work with the families to connect them with social services along with the school social workers.
- We work with the Transportation Department to do our best to keep the students at their school of origin.
- Due to high demand, our hotel budget has been utilized already for the year, so we are no longer able to assist with hotels. Also, all shelters are currently full.
- We are able to provide city bus passes to parents, one-time gas cards, Goodwill vouchers for uniforms, and we do have a clothing closet located at the district office that parents have unlimited access to.
- We do monitor the students attendance and tardies and have to move students sometimes to schools closer to where they are living.
- We can pay for academic fees for students as well as senior fees (excluding entertainment fees such as grad night)
- We do collaborate with the City, County, and all Shelters on a regular basis to support families.
- Finally, being in the FIT program does not grant you school choice, students can stay at their school of origin only or move closer to where they are staying.