



Board of Education

TO: West Chicago District 33 Board of Education
FROM: Director of Assessment & Accountability, Beth Walrath
DATE: June 20, 2024
RE: Monthly Chronic Absenteeism Report

This memo is:

- ☒ Information only.
☐ Information with a recommendation, and a request for Board approval by vote.

Date by which a Board decision is needed: _____

Previous memos on this topic can be found:

- ☐ in previous Board packet(s) dated. ____ May 16, 2024 ____
☐ or attached to this memo

Basic information:

June 11th, 2024, is the 172nd day of school. It is the last day of student attendance for the 2023-2024 academic year.

Districtwide chronic absenteeism is at 20%. Students missing 17 or more days are considered chronically absent. These percentages include both excused and unexcused absences.

Please see the following charts. They show last year's end-of-year percentage, the first data point of this school year, and the end of trimester months.

The overall district percentage of students chronically absent decreased by one percentage point from May to June. In comparison to the end of the 2022-2023 school year, the district is four percentage points lower this June. This is a good indicator that schools will see improvement in their chronic absenteeism score on the fall 2024 Summative Designation.

While only one grade, 5th grade, was at the target of 15% at the end of the year, both sixth and seventh were below 20%.

School attendance teams will start again in August. Families that have struggled with attendance in the past are contacted prior to the start of the school year to welcome them back and offer support for any attendance barriers.

School attendance teams implement school-wide attendance incentives each year and monitor student attendance.

Each year, qualifying students are provided taxi services under the McKinney-Vento Act to support students and families experiencing housing insecurity. Currently, in June, 35 students were provided transportation to and from school so they maintain their connection to their school community. This is a decrease from May when 41 students had transportation provided.

Background or historical information:

The Illinois State Board of Education reports on the illinoisreportcard.com site that the percentage of students chronically absent in District 33 for the 2022-2023 school year was 24%. The state average for the 2022-2023 school year was 28%. The results for the 2023-2024 school year will be released in late October 2024.

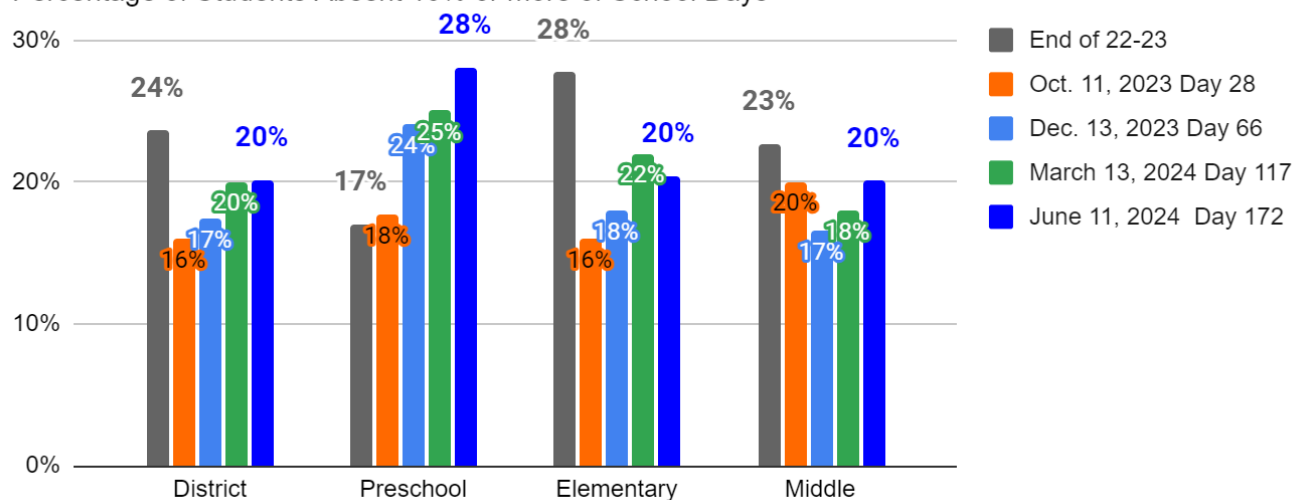
Previous decisions, actions, or parameters that relate to this topic or issue:

Recommendations:

Other questions? What else does the Board wish to know?:

Chronic Absenteeism by Level

Percentage of Students Absent 10% or more of School Days



Chronic Absenteeism by Grade

Percentage of Students Absent 10% or more of School Days

