

# **Executive Summary**

## **Board of Trustees Meeting October 26, 2021**

### **2021 - 2022 ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Reporting Period Attendance Report**

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#### **Board Goal:**

##### **Domain 1 – Teaching & Learning**

- establish high expectations with a curriculum fostering inquiry, critical thinking, civic responsibility and exemplary citizenship

##### **Domain 2 – Culture & Climate**

- foster a positive, welcoming environment encouraging parent and community partnerships
- promote health, wellness and emotional well-being

##### **Domain 3 – Growth & Management**

- remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on every campus

##### **Domain 4 – Opportunities for Students**

- develop academic skills and interpersonal relationships necessary for student success in college, the workplace, and for life.

#### **Purpose of Report:**

The purpose of this report is to provide campus and district ADA percentages for the 1<sup>st</sup> Reporting Period of the 2021-2022 school year (August 12, 2021 through September 24, 2021) and to compare this data to prior years. This report will also identify current truancy prevention measures being used on Denton ISD campuses to increase student attendance.

#### **Objective:**

The objective is to routinely analyze and monitor Denton ISD's attendance data with the goal of improving student attendance. By making this data readily accessible throughout the school year, the district will raise awareness of school attendance and monitor trends and changes across the district. The district will also provide transparent communication, training, and support; where needed, to improve student attendance in Denton ISD.

#### **Operational Impact:**

The analysis and monitoring of attendance data will increase the funding received from ADA, increase academic success and school completion, and support the district goal ensuring that all students are reading on grade level by the end of grade 3.

#### **Results:**

There are 31 instructional days in this 1<sup>st</sup> reporting period. Denton ISD's ADA percentage for the first reporting period is **92.84%**. This is a significant decrease from previous school years as we typically see 1<sup>st</sup> reporting period ADA percentages above 97%. Many of the student absences in this reporting period are related to COVID-19 illnesses or quarantine. Unlike last school year, this school year students are not able to participate in remote learning unless they are enrolled in the K-8 Virtual

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TEA allows districts to request a low attendance waiver to excuse any instructional days from ADA and FSP funding calculations when a campuses daily attendance is at least 10 percentage points below last school year's overall ADA for the district due to inclement weather, health, or safety-related issues. Denton ISD will submit this waiver in June for all applicable instructional days.

The previous school years ADA percentages are below:

#### Reporting Period 1 Comparisons

| School Year | Attendance Percentage |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| 2020-21     | 96.91%                |
| 2019-20     | 97.43%                |
| 2018-19     | 97.41%                |
| 2017-18     | 97.17%                |
| 2016-17     | 97.69%                |

Adkins had the highest attendance percentage for elementary campuses in Denton ISD at 95.72%. Rodriguez had the highest attendance percentage for middle school campuses in Denton ISD at 94.11%. Guyer had the highest attendance percentage for high school campuses in Denton ISD at 93.27%.

EE (Early Childhood Education) had the highest ADA % at 94.64%, followed by 5<sup>th</sup> grade with 94.21%. Pre-K had the lowest ADA % at 90.80%, followed by 12<sup>th</sup> grade with 91.29%.

The truancy prevention measures used in Reporting Period 1 include, but are not limited to; automated phone calls, flyers, student and parent communications, warning letters (2323), online truancy class referrals (2318), counselor referrals (118), Zoom truancy class (245) attendance contracts (184), campus interventions (1117), referral to Attendance Officer (5) referral to court (6) and home visits (25). Denton ISD campuses have provided over **6,341** truancy prevention measures in this 1<sup>st</sup> Reporting Period.