

Executive Summary

Board of Trustees Meeting June 22, 2021

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Board Goals:

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 2020-2021 school year (August 26, 2020 through May 27, 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 160 instructional days in this school year. The district ADA% for the 2020-2021 school year is 96.85%, this is a decrease from last school year when the ADA% was 97.25%. There are 2 factors that may influence the final ADA % for this school year. The pandemic, which had a negative impact on attendance and enrollment. And the extreme winter weather and resulting damage to campuses which caused Denton ISD schools to temporarily close.

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EP Rayzor had the highest attendance percentage for elementary campuses in Denton ISD at 98.77%. Harpool had the highest attendance percentage for middle school campuses in Denton ISD at 99.26. Guyer had the highest attendance percentage for high school campuses in Denton ISD at 97.32%.

Reporting period 2 had the highest ADA% at 97.48%, while reporting period 6 had the lowest ADA at 96.52%.

The previous school years ADA percentages are below:

Annual ADA% Comparisons

School Year	Attendance Percentage	
2019-20	* 97.25	<i>COVID-19</i>
2018-19	96.21%	
2017-18	95.87%	
2016-17	96.08%	
2015-16	95.87%	
2014-15	95.83%	
2013-14	95.98%	

6th grade had the highest ADA% at 98.10%, followed by 7th grade with 97.98%. Pre-K had the lowest ADA% at 94.79%, followed by Early Childhood Education (EE) *and* 11th grade with 95.90%.

The truancy prevention measures used in the 2020 – 2021 year include, but are not limited to; automated phone calls, flyers, student and parent communications, warning letters (10,231) online truancy class referrals (5753), in-person truancy class referrals (1711), counselor referrals (3,710), attendance contracts (2,552), campus consequences (10,011), home visits (720), truancy officer referrals (242), court referrals and court contempts (170). Denton ISD campuses have provided over **35,100** truancy prevention measures in the 2020-2021 school year.

Denton ISD campuses had **224,065** unfunded absences in the 2020 – 2021 school year. Elementary School had 57,912 excused absences and 61,993 unexcused absences. Middle School had 12,641 excused absences and 26,051 unexcused absences. High School had 15,116 excused absences and 50,352 unexcused absences.