

Executive Summary

Board of Trustees Meeting February 9, 2021

2020 - 2021 ~ 3rd Reporting Period Attendance Report

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 3rd Reporting Period of the 2020-2021 school year (November 16, 2020 through January 15, 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:

NOTE: Denton ISD has submitted an attestation statement to TEA requesting ADA hold harmless for the third six-weeks attendance reporting period. The ADA hold harmless methodology will be identical to the methodology used for the first two six-weeks attendance reporting periods, except that the third six-weeks will be examined independent of the first two six-weeks attendance reporting periods. Specifically, if an LEA's refined ADA counts during the third six-weeks attendance reporting periods are less than the ADA hold harmless projections, the third six-weeks attendance reporting periods for 2020–2021 will be excluded from the calculation of ADA and student FTEs for FSP funding purposes and will be replaced with the ADA hold harmless projections.

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There are 30 instructional days in this 3rd Reporting Period. The district ADA % for 2020-2021 Reporting Period 3 is 96.72%, this is an increase from last school year when the ADA % was 95.47%.

According to the data currently in eSchoolPlus, EP Rayzor had the highest ADA percentage for elementary campuses in Denton ISD at 98.93%. Harpool had the highest ADA percentage for middle school campuses in Denton ISD at 99.57%. Braswell had the highest ADA percentage for high school campuses in Denton ISD at 97.39%. Sparks, an alternative campus, had an ADA percentage of 97.65%.

The previous school years district ADA percentages are below:

Reporting Period 3 Comparisons

School Year	Attendance Percentage
2019	95.47%
2018	96.16%
2017	95.78%
2016	96.27%
2015	95.95%
2014	95.4%

Early Childhood Education (EE) had the highest ADA % at 99.84%, followed by 6th grade with 98.28%. Pre-K had the lowest ADA % at 94.51%, followed by 3rd grade with 95.80%.

The truancy prevention measures used in Reporting Period 3 include, but are not limited to; automated phone calls, flyers, student and parent communications, warning letters (1,547), online truancy class completions (348), in-person truancy class referrals (250), counselor referrals (914), attendance contracts (575), campus consequences (1,866), home visits (220), truancy officer referrals (27), court referrals and court contempts (21). Denton ISD campuses have provided over **7,023** truancy prevention measures in this 3rd Reporting Period.

Denton ISD campuses had **42,503** unfunded absences in the 3rd reporting period. Elementary School had 13,523 excused absences and 11,839 unexcused absences. Middle School had 2,904 excused absences and 2,396 unexcused absences. High School had 4,101 excused absences and 7,740 unexcused absences.