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Board of Education

TO: West Chicago District 33 Board of Education
FROM: Director of Assessment & Accountability, Cathy Park
DATE: February 17, 2026
RE: Monthly Chronic Absenteeism Report

This memo is:

[X] 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. _____
[ ] or attached to this memo

Basic information:

As of February 17, 2026, we have been in school for 106 days, and the districtwide chronic absenteeism rate is at 16%, which is a decrease from last month.

Students missing 10% of more of the school days are considered chronically absent. These percentages include both excused and unexcused absences. Please see the following charts for a breakdown by grade level bands as well as each grade level.

School attendance teams continue to meet in each school. Assistant principals are working with the teams to track and monitor student attendance at the building level. The teams are actively working with monitoring the attendance, informing families if there is an attendance concern, and taking the time to support families as needed so students can come to school each day. They also continue to implement school-wide attendance incentives to promote perfect attendance.

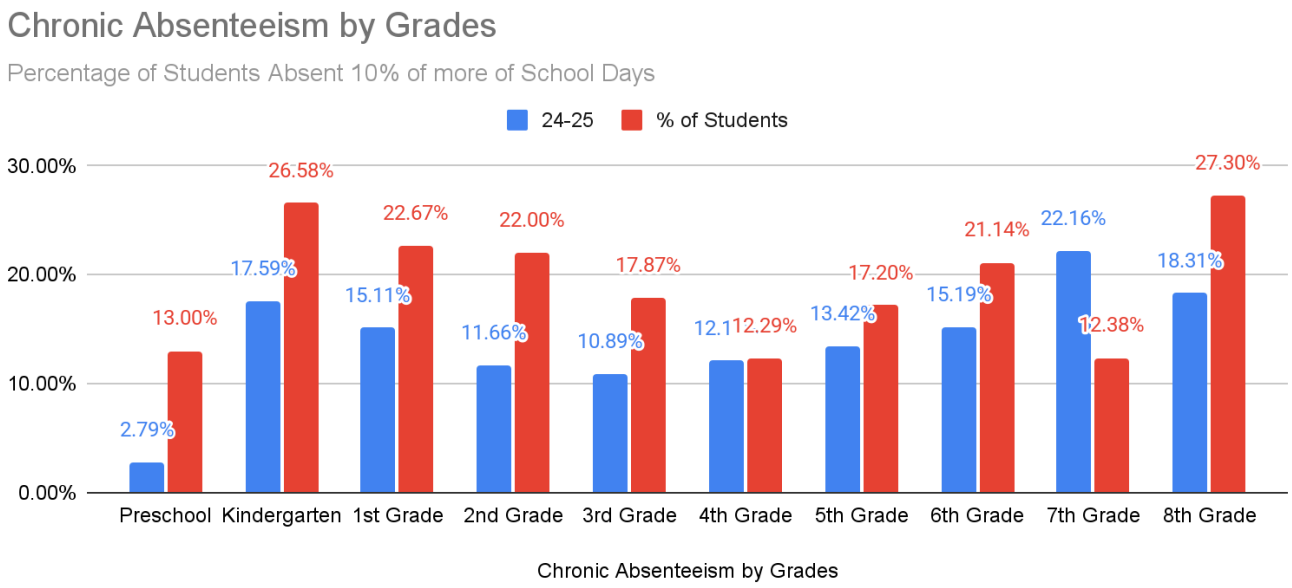
Background or historical information:

Our school report cards were published on October 30, 2025. According to the Illinois School Report Card, District 33 had a chronic absenteeism rate of 18.7%, compared to the state average of 25.4%. Our truancy rate was 11.8% whereas the state average was 19.8%.

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 Grades
Percentage of Students Absent 10% of more of School Days
24-25
% of Students
30.00%
20.00%
10.00%
0.00%
2.79%
13.00%
17.59%
26.58%
15.11%
22.67%
11.66%
22.00%
10.89%
17.87%
12.11
12.29%
13.42%
17.20%
15.19%
21.14%
22.16%
12.38%
18.31%
27.30%
Preschool
Kindergarten
1st Grade
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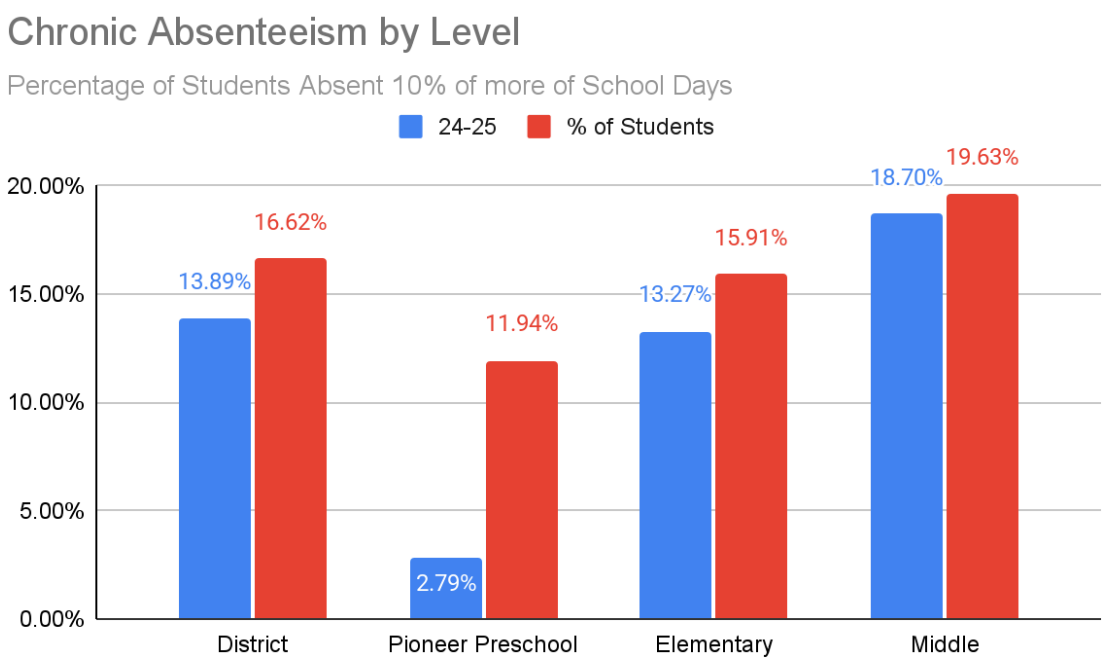
3rd Grade
4th Grade
5th Grade
6th Grade
7th Grade
8th Grade
Chronic Absenteeism by Grades


Chronic Absenteeism by Level
Percentage of Students Absent 10% of more of School Days
24-25
% of Students
20.00%
15.00%
10.00%
5.00%
0.00%
13.89%
16.62%
2.79%
11.94%
13.27%
15.91%
18.70%
19.63%
District
Pioneer Preschool
Elementary
Middle