



Board of Education

TO: West Chicago District 33 Board of Education
FROM: Director of Assessment & Accountability, Cathy Park
DATE: October 17, 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. _____
- or attached to this memo

Basic information:

As of October 17, 2024, we have been in school for 34 days. Districtwide chronic absenteeism is at 11.58%, which is a decrease from this time last year of 20%. 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 started up again in August. Each school has been meeting to implement different supports to work with families to get students to school each day. Families that have struggled with attendance in the past were 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.

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.

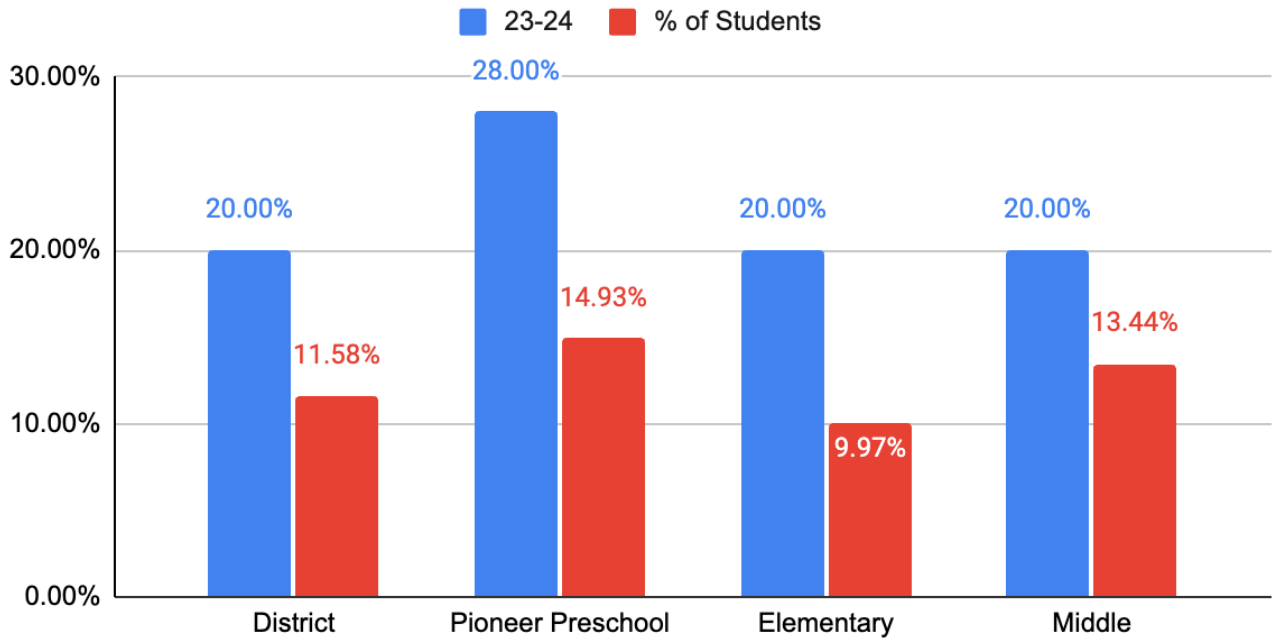
Previous decisions, actions, or parameters that relate to this topic or issue:

Recommendations:

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

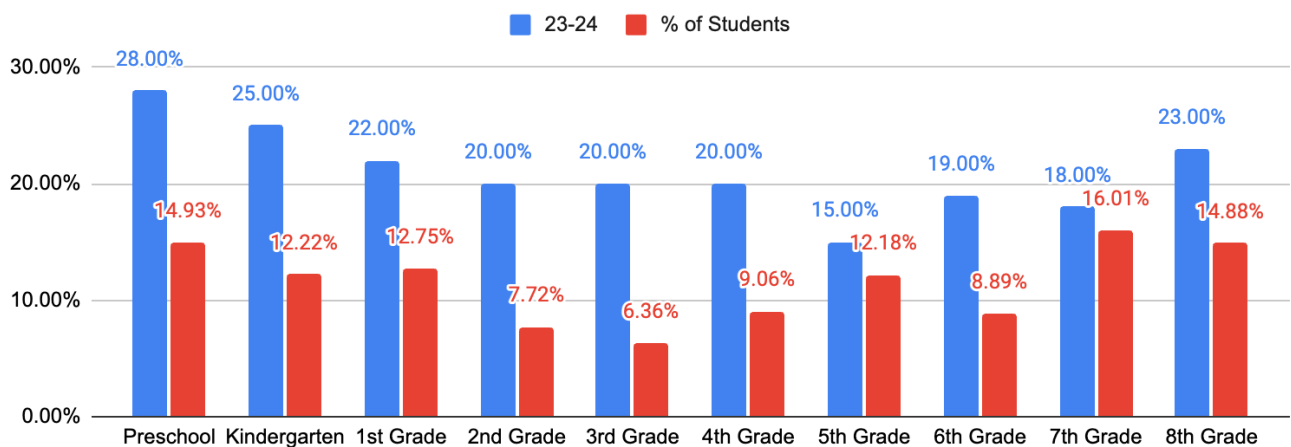
Chronic Absenteeism by Level

Percentage of Students Absent 10% of more of School Days



Chronic Absenteeism by Grades

Percentage of Students Absent 10% of more of School Days



Chronic Absenteeism by Grades

Chronic Absenteeism by Grade

Percentage of Students Absent 10% or more of School Days

