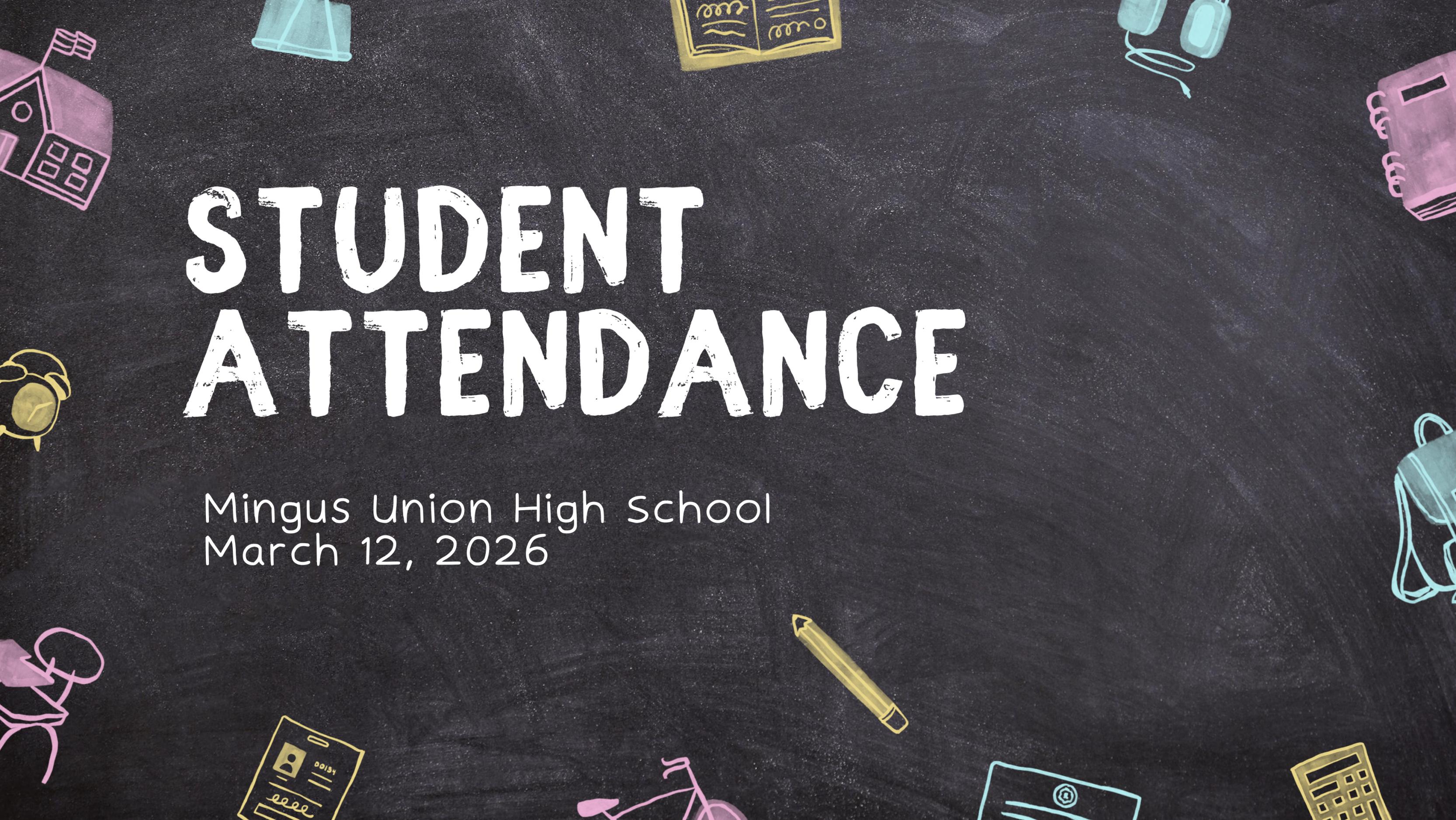


# STUDENT ATTENDANCE

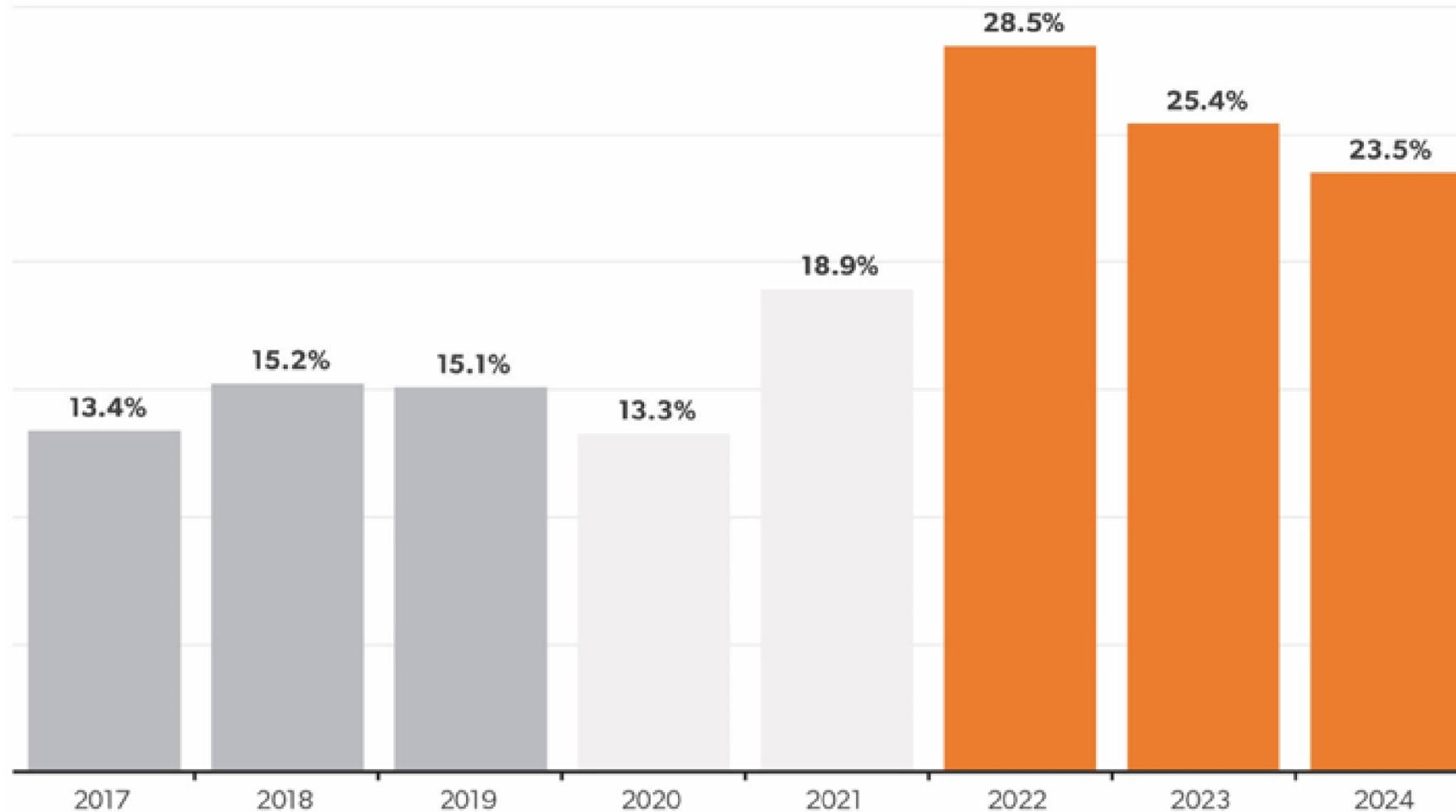
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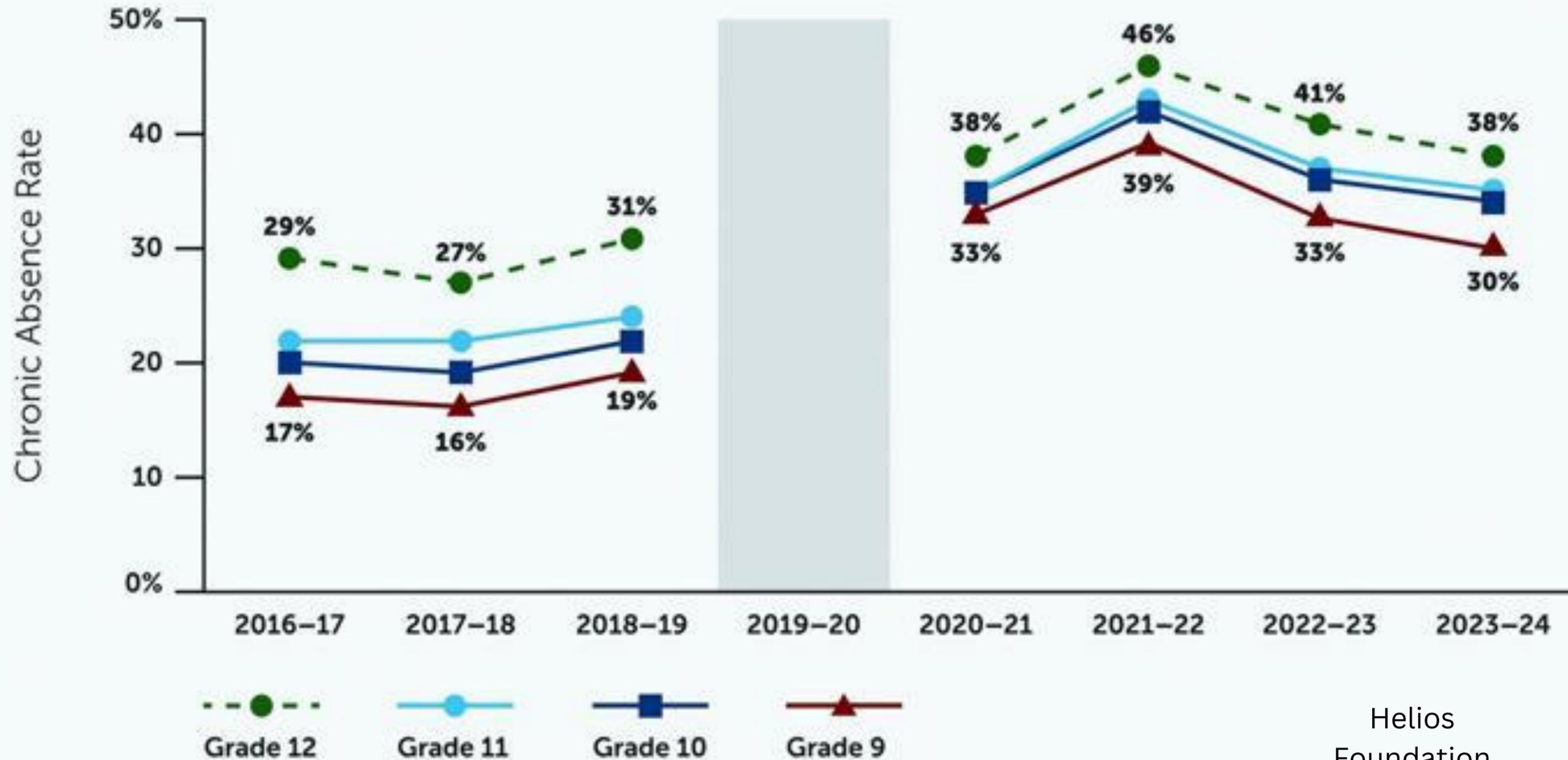


# NATIONAL TRENDS

## Chronic Absenteeism 2017-2024

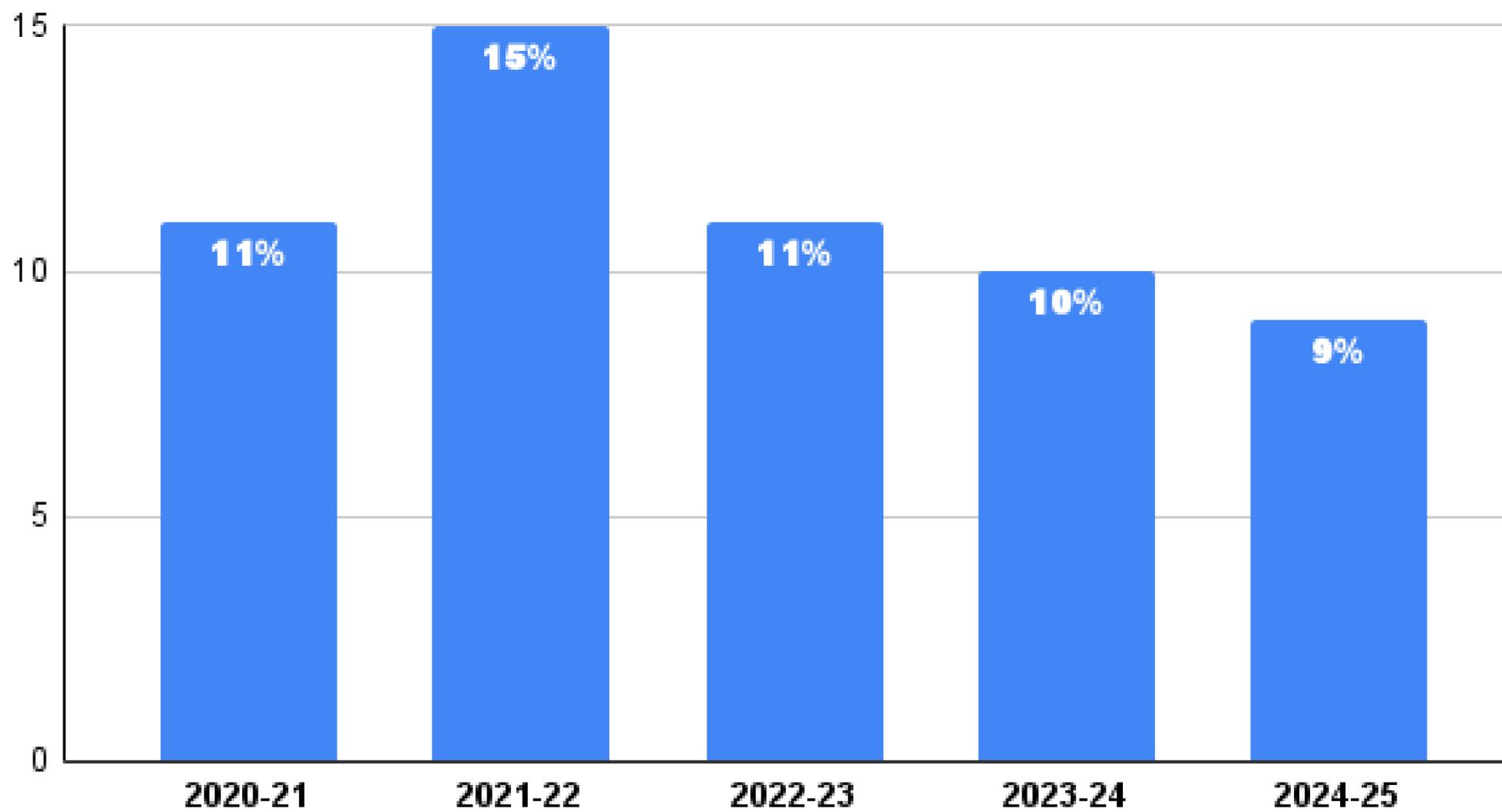


# ARIZONA TRENDS



# MINGUS TRENDS

**Absence Rate**





# ATTENDANCE PROTOCOLS

We make attendance a priority by ensuring your student feels safe and connected while at school. If your student falls behind in attendance, we will respond appropriately based on the number of absences to support your student in getting back on track. (MUHS Student Handbook) More info on pages 6-8 of the MUHS Handbook

**Parent Communication:** Parents are asked to excuse absences by the end of the school day



**Make Up Protocol:** # of days missed +1 to make up any missing work

**Truancy Law:** Referrals for students under 16 years of age with excessive absences

**Attendance Communication:** Same day notifications sent to parents when a student is absent

**Attendance Letters:** Letters mailed to parents for absences - 5 day letters, 8 day letters, and Loss of Credit letters (after 10 absences)

**Attendance Contracts:** Students with excessive absences may be placed on a contract



**Appeal Process:** Students who lose credits (more than 10 absences) can submit an appeal form and letter for consideration of credit restoration

# ATTENDANCE ROOT CAUSES

## Barriers to Attendance

Factors beyond a student's control that make attending school difficult

- **Health Concerns:** Chronic illness
- **Logistical Challenges:** Unreliable transportation
- **Socioeconomic Factors:** Housing instability, poverty, or food insecurity
- **Family Needs:** Responsible for younger siblings, caring for sick family members, or needing to work to contribute

## Disengagement from School

Students may feel disconnected and unmotivated to attend

- **Lack of Belonging:** No meaningful relationships with staff or peers
- **Perception of School Value:** Feeling that school is boring or not applicable to their life

## Aversion to School

These causes are related to negative experiences that make students want to avoid school

- **Mental Health Struggles:** Anxiety, depression, or trauma-related issues
- **Bullying and Harassment:** Fears for physical safety or experiencing harassment
- **Academic Struggles:** Feeling overwhelmed, unsupported or falling behind

## Misconceptions

Families and students may not realize how quickly absences add up and harm learning

- **Underestimating Impact:** Believing a few days doesn't matter or not realizing how absences add up
- **Excused Absence Misconception:** Thinking only unexcused absence matter

# ADDRESSING ATTENDANCE

## Increased Engagement

Clubs  
Athletics  
ATORT  
Academic Senate  
Student Council  
Field Trips  
Hope Center  
Bilingual Parent Liaison  
Newsletter  
Site Council

## Relational Capacity

Link Crew  
Future Freshmen Events  
Open House  
Community Bashes  
AVID PD  
Parent Conferences  
Advisory  
Freshmen Houses  
Counseling  
Front Office

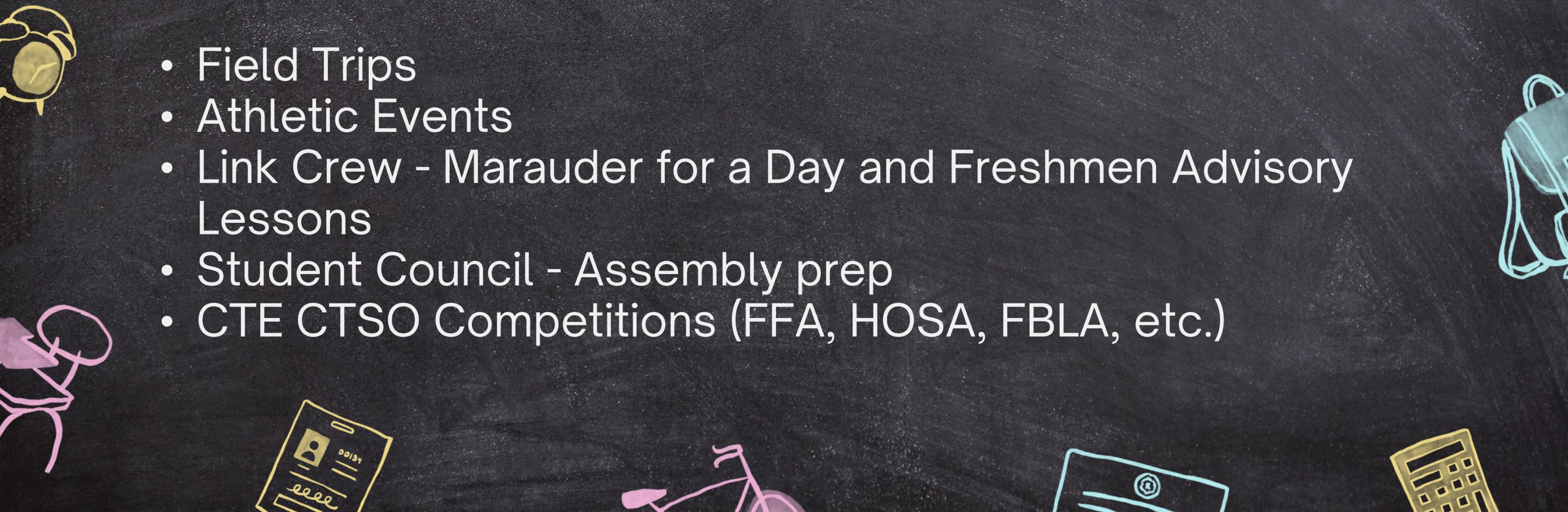
## Academic Opportunities

YC Early College  
YC Academic Advisor  
FLEX  
Dual Enrollment/Advanced Placement  
CTE  
CLEP Testing  
Diploma Seals  
VACTE  
AVID  
Upward Bound  
College Knowing & Going  
College Visits  
Career Chats



# ATTENDANCE FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR OR CO-CURRICULAR PURPOSES

Student Activities (SA): School activities including academic and non-academic purposes

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- Field Trips
  - Athletic Events
  - Link Crew - Marauder for a Day and Freshmen Advisory Lessons
  - Student Council - Assembly prep
  - CTE CTSO Competitions (FFA, HOSA, FBLA, etc.)

# TARDY PROTOCOLS

Student Responsibilities (from Student Handbook)

- Arrive to class on time daily.
- Be in the classroom when the final bell stops ringing.
- Students will be marked absent after being 10 minutes late.
- Administrators may excuse a tardy.
- Students who chronically miss class will be referred to an administrator for corrective action.
- Students reporting to school late because of a doctor's appointment or other parent excuse must report to the attendance office with a doctor's note or a phone call from the parent to excuse the tardy. They are given a pass to class.

Students get a Tardy Pass from the attendance office when they are late.

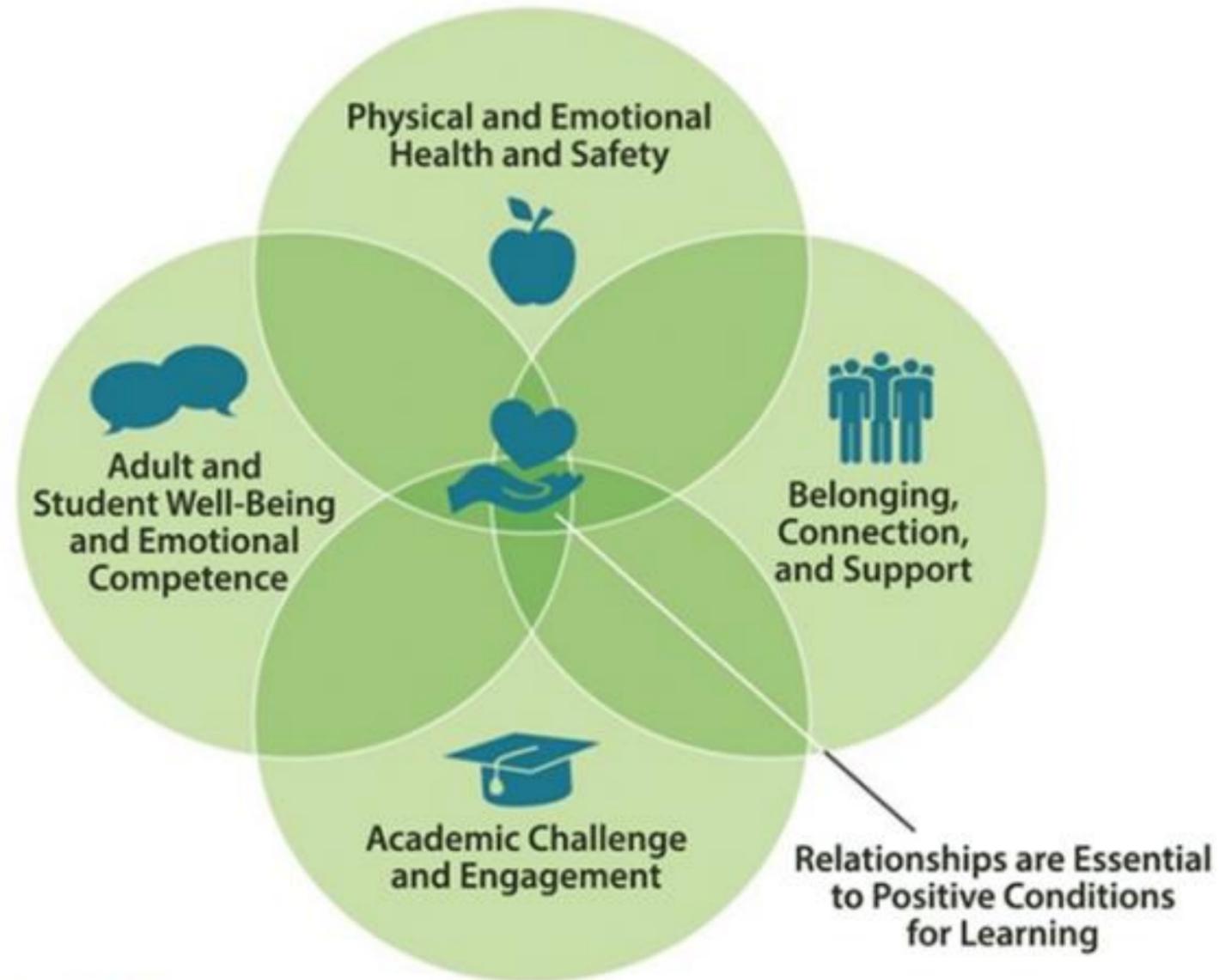
Any tardies after 10 minutes automatically become an absence.

Parents may excuse a 1st period tardy (attendance code ET).

Daily report to identify students with 2 or more tardies. Students receive lunch detention

# NEXT STEPS: CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PROCESS

**Positive Conditions for Learning  
Lead to Students Being Engaged and Attending Regularly**



# QUESTIONS

