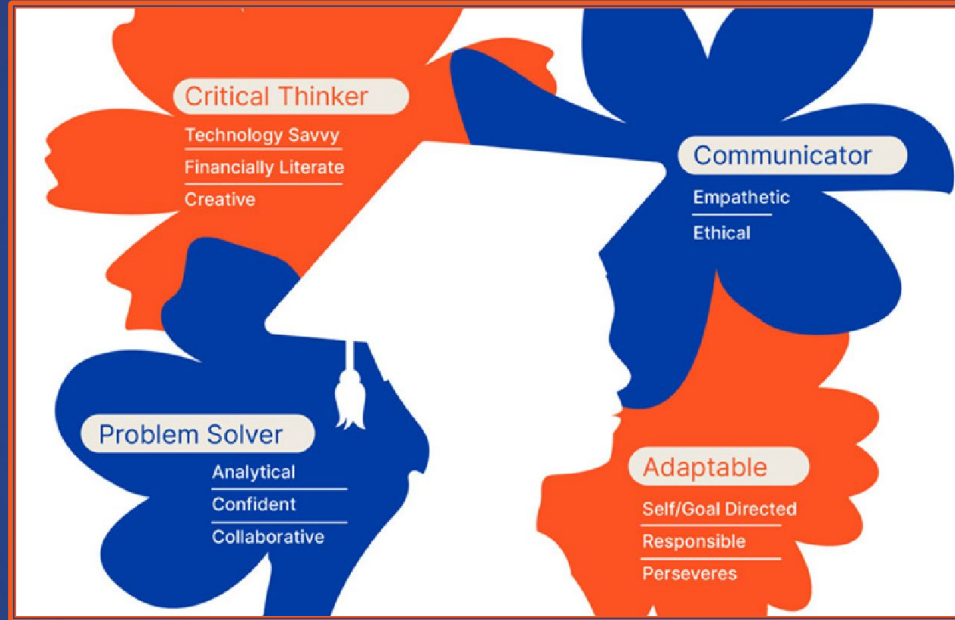


# Graduates In Bloom



**Bloomfield Public Schools Student Attendance Update**  
**Board of Education Regular Meeting**  
January 14, 2025

## Why?

*Consistent and regular attendance is essential for student growth and lifelong success, leading to higher graduation rates, lower dropout rates, increased college attendance, and better job prospects.*

*Research shows that chronic absenteeism—missing 10% or more of school days—is a risk factor associated with a variety of negative academic and social outcomes including difficulty learning to read by third grade, lower academic performance in middle school, and increased dropout rates.*

*(Attendance Works, 2018)*

# Attendance Definitions

## Chronic Absenteeism:

“a child who is enrolled in a school under the jurisdiction of a local or regional board of education and whose total number of absences at any time during a school year is equal to or greater than ten per cent of the total number of days that such student has been enrolled at such school during such school year;”

*Defined in CGS 10-198c*

## Truancy:

“a child age five to eighteen, inclusive, who is enrolled in a public or private school and has four unexcused absences from school in any one month or ten unexcused absences from school in any school year.”

*Defined in CGS 10-198a*

## District Goal: 95% or more of students will have an attendance rate of 92% or higher

School	Students with Attendance Rate of 92% or higher	Total Number of Students	As of 10/17/2024 % Attendance Rate of 92% or higher	As of 12/20/2024 % Attendance Rate of 92% or higher	2023-2024 % Attendance Rate of 92% or higher
BHS	402	519	73.0%	77.5%	78.1%
GEMS	91	168	60.0%	54.2%	65.5%
CAMS	173	206	83.7%	84.0%	78.8%
CAIS	195	217	85.8%	89.9%	82.0%
MES	169	185	88.5%	91.4%	79.9%
Laurel (All)	219	257	79.8%	85.2%	79.8%
Laurel (K-2)	204	239	79.9%	85.4%	79.6%
Laurel (PK)	15	18	77.8%	83.3%	83.3%
WECMS	196	280	67.1%	70.0%	52.6%
Steps	6	7	87.5%	85.7%	76.2%
<b>Total (PK-12)</b>	<b>1451</b>	<b>1839</b>	<b>76.0%</b>	<b>78.9%</b>	<b>73.7%</b>
<b>Total (K-12)</b>	<b>1240</b>	<b>1541</b>	<b>76.0%</b>	<b>80.5%</b>	<b>77.8%</b>

# Chronic Absenteeism

	Actuals								Goals	
	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	As of 10/17/24	As of 12/20/24	2024-2025	2025-2026
BHS	5.7%	7.9%	13.1%	20.1%	13.4%	14.3%	17.3%	19.1%	11.0%	8.0%
GEMS	9.0%	20.8%	23.7%	33.3%	29.1%	28.8%	29.7%	41.7%	19.0%	15.0%
CAMS	8.3%	8.7%	16.2%	19.2%	18.3%	13.8%	9.4%	10.7%	10.0%	6.0%
CAIS	6.3%	6.7%	10.8%	14.2%	14.2%	13.8%	9.0%	6.0%	10.0%	6.0%
MES	8.2%	12.6%	14.3%	14.7%	16.7%	13.4%	6.0%	5.4%	10.0%	6.0%
LLA (All)	10.0%	10.6%	24.2%	19.5%	19.1%	15.3%	12.7%	10.9%	13.0%	10.0%
LLA (K-2)	10.0%	10.6%	24.2%	19.5%	17.4%	15.6%	13.3%	11.7%	13.0%	10.0%
LLA (PK)					50.0%	11.1%	5.6%	0.0%	13.0%	10.0%
WECMS	37.7%	35.4%	47.6%	51.2%	48.4%	36.2%	24.1%	23.9%	29.0%	20.0%
Steps to Success	8.3%	14.3%	37.5%	23.5%	26.7%	19.1%	12.5%	14.3%	16.0%	10.0%
District (PK-12)	12.2%	14.2%	21.4%	24.4%	22.2%	19.2%	16.0%	16.9%	20.0%	15.0%
District (K-12)	8.1%	10.9%	17.3%	20.4%	18.1%	17.1%	14.6%	15.8%	15.0%	12.0%
State (K-12 Only)	10.4%	12.2%	19.0%	23.7%	20.0%	17.7%		18.5%*	5.0%	5.0%

\*state data as of 11/30/2024



# Next Generation Accountability System

Connecticut's Next Generation Accountability System is a broad set of 12 indicators that help tell the story of how well a school is preparing its students for success in college, careers and life. It provides a holistic, multifactor perspective of district and school performance.



# Next Generation Accountability System

Chronic Absenteeism - All Students				
	Actuals 2023-2024		Projected 2024-2025	
	Rate	Points out of 50	Rate	Points out of 50
BHS	14.3%	31.3	19.1%	21.8
GEMS	28.8%	2.4	41.7%	0.0
CAMS	13.8%	32.4	10.7%	38.6
CAIS	13.8%	32.4	6.0%	48.0
MES	13.4%	33.2	5.4%	49.2
LLA	15.6%	28.9	11.7%	36.6
District	17.1%	25.7	15.8%	56.8

Chronic Absenteeism - High Needs Students				
	Actuals 2023-2024		Projected 2024-2025	
	Rate	Points out of 50	Rate	Points out of 50
BHS	18.9%	22.3	22.8%	14.4
GEMS	35.5%	0.0	43.3%	0.0
CAMS	15.6%	28.9	13.4%	33.2
CAIS	17.7%	24.5	8.2%	43.6
MES	18.3%	23.3	7.5%	45.0
LLA	21.7%	16.6	16.2%	27.6
District	22.4%	15.2	19.2%	21.6

