



Board of Education

TO: West Chicago District 33 Board of Education
FROM: Director of Assessment & Accountability, Cathy Park
DATE: January 15, 2025
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 January 15, 2025, we have been in school for 79 days. Districtwide chronic absenteeism is at 13.88%, which is a slight increase from last month’s report. During the month of November and December, there was a Thanksgiving break as well as a 2 week winter break, which could also be the cause in a decrease in attendance.

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 each day. They also continue to implement school-wide attendance incentives to promote perfect attendance.

Background or historical information:

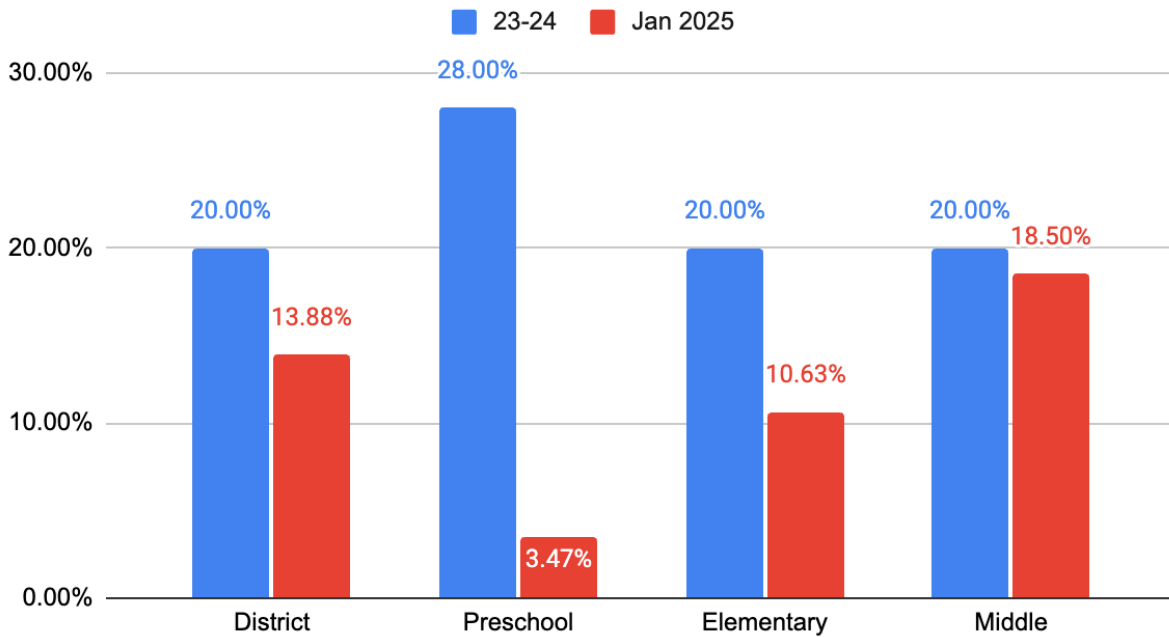
Our school report cards was published on October 30, 2024. Based on the Illinois School Report Card, District 33 had a rate of 19.6% in chronic absenteeism compared to the state average of 26.3%. Our truancy rate was 13.9% whereas the state average was 20%.

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

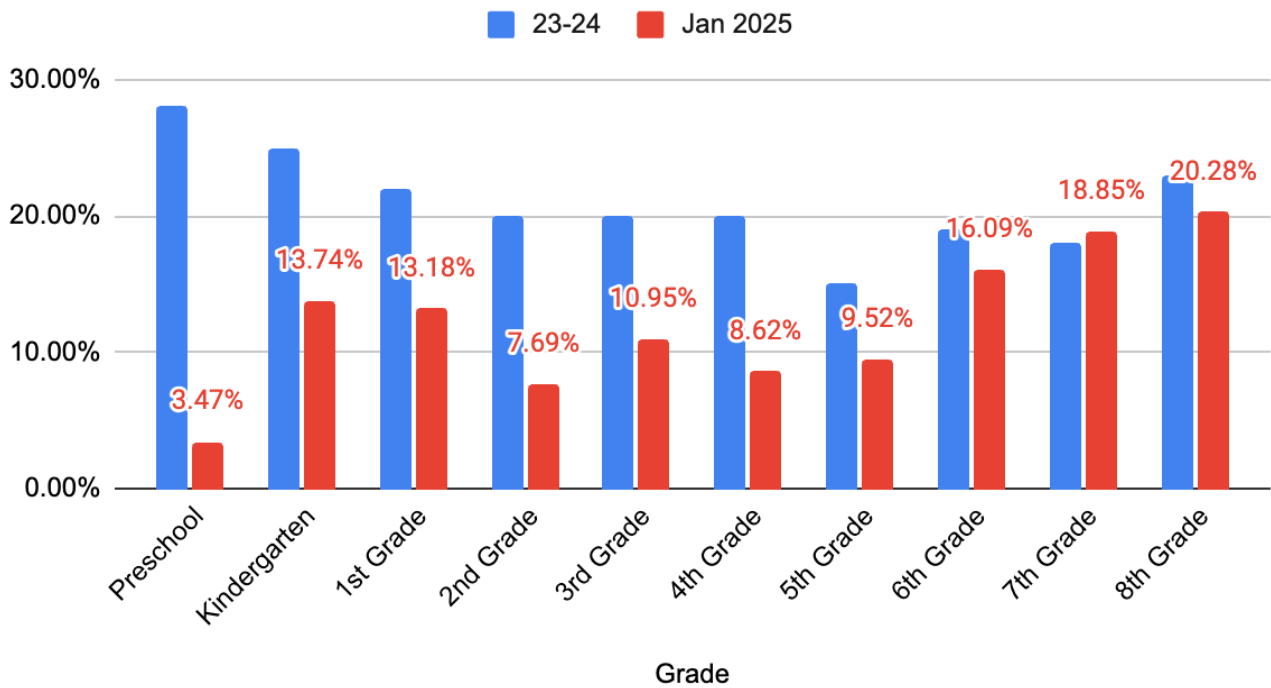
Recommendations:

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

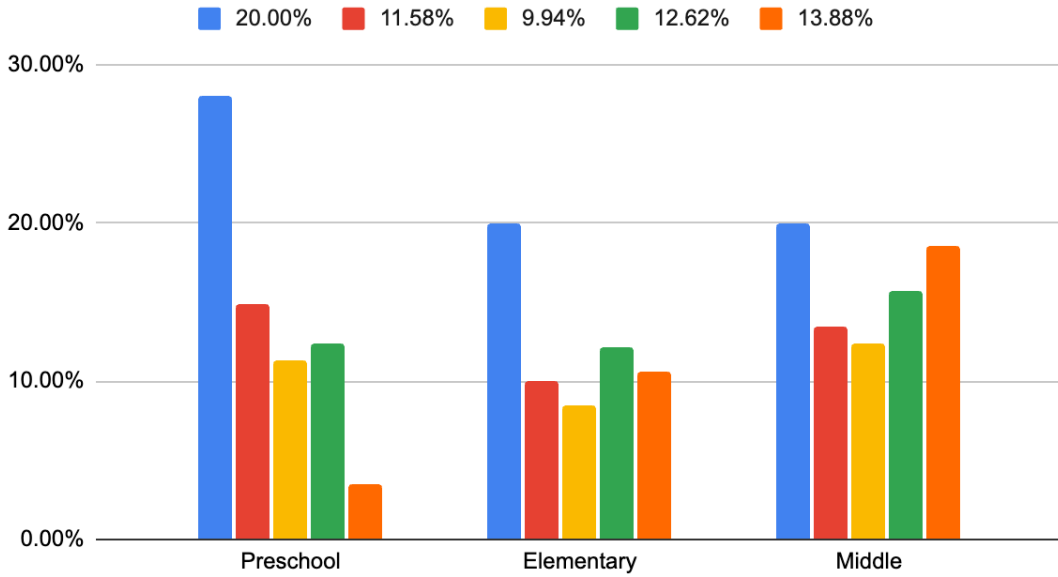
Chronic Absenteeism by Level



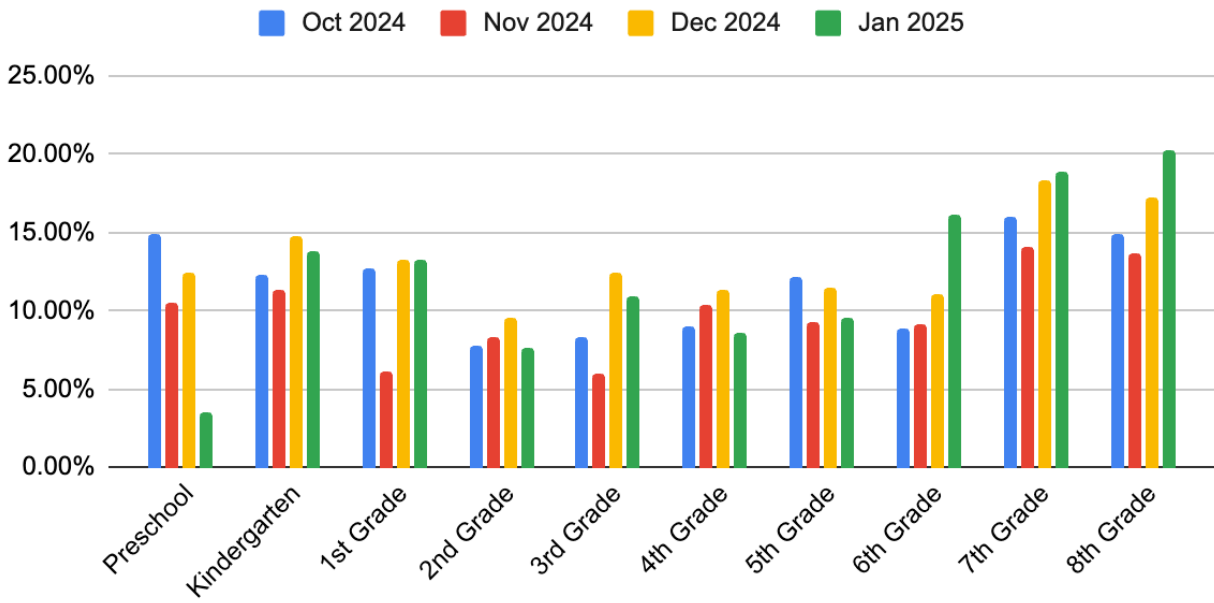
Chronic Absenteeism by Grade Level



Chronic Absenteeism (Trends by Grade Level Bands)



Chronic Absenteeism (Trends by Grade)



Chronic Absenteeism by Grades