



# 2023-24 ATTENDANCE BRIEF

Attendance data for the 2023-24 School Year

During the 2023-24 school year, the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) published validated attendance data following the first two data certifications by local education agencies (LEAs).<sup>1</sup> This brief accompanies the third and final certification, highlighting the trends and changes in attendance throughout the entire academic year. While there is much work to do across the District, chronic absenteeism and chronic truancy have continued to decline in every grade.

These data reflect rates of chronic absenteeism and chronic truancy:<sup>2</sup>

■ **Chronic absenteeism** is defined as students being absent (excused or unexcused) for at least 10 percent of the days in which they are enrolled.

■ **Chronic truancy** is defined as students accumulating at least 10 full-day, unexcused absences in a school year.

## ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

The data in this brief reflects attendance data across the entire 2023-24 school year citywide and compares it to the 2022-23 school year.

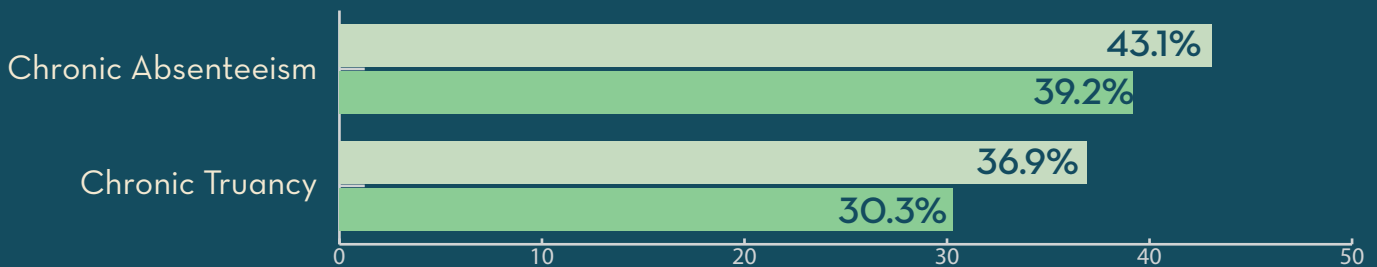
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Compared to the prior school year:

CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM  
**DECREASED BY 3.9  
PERCENTAGE POINTS**



CHRONIC TRUANCY  
**DECREASED BY 6.6  
PERCENTAGE POINTS**



### Footnotes:

- The first mid-year brief, reflecting attendance collected between July 10-Nov. 24, 2023, is available here: [Mid\\_Year\\_Attendance\\_1Pager\\_3\\_29\\_2024.pdf \(dc.gov\)](#). The second mid-year brief, reflecting the attendance for July 10, 2023-March 1, 2024, is available here: [Mid\\_Year\\_Attendance\\_1Pager\\_6\\_14\\_2024.pdf \(dc.gov\)](#).
- All attendance metrics are calculated for students in grades K-12. Chronic truancy figures are calculated for students of compulsory age (5-17 years on Sept. 30, 2023).

# 2023-24 MID-YEAR ATTENDANCE BRIEF

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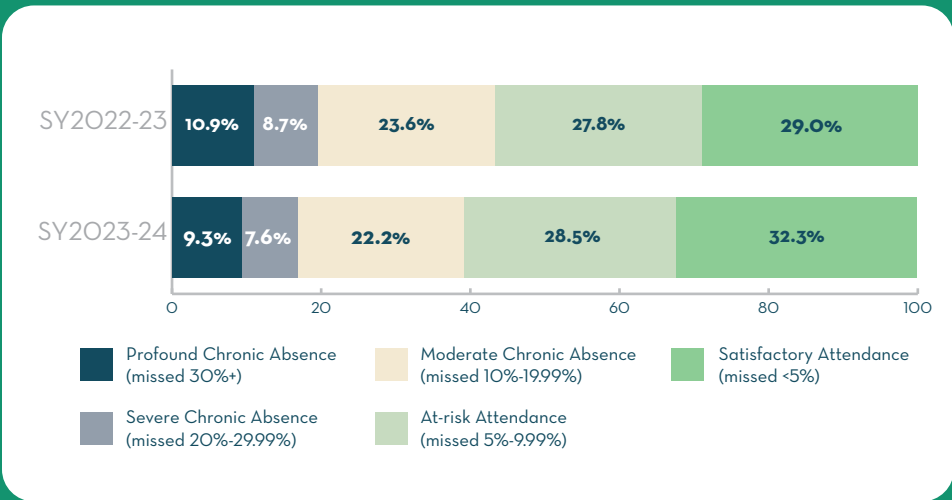
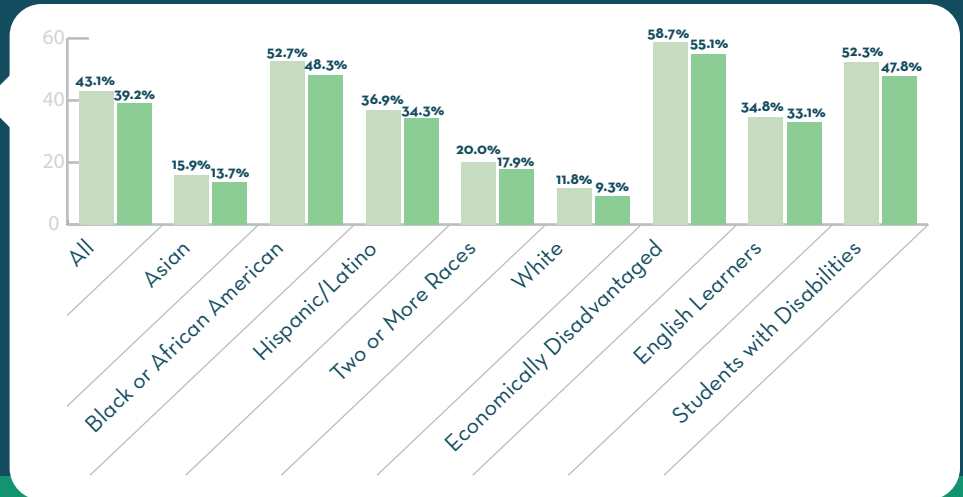
## CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM BY GRADE BAND

All grade bands in the 2023-24 school year experienced a decrease in chronic absenteeism rates.

## CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM BY STUDENT GROUP

In the 2023-24 school year, declines in chronic absenteeism were observed across all student demographic groups.

**Note:** Only demographic groups of 150 students or more are shown; additional data are provided in the Attendance Data Files.



## ATTENDANCE RISK TIERS

To provide a more detailed look at attendance patterns, OSSE monitors attendance risk tiers. These data show that attendance is improving across risk tiers, including an 11 percent (3.3 percentage point) increase in students missing less than 5 percent of school days, and a 16 percent (2.7 percentage point) reduction in students missing 20 percent or more of school days.