## COLORADO

Department of Education

## Summary of 2022-23 Attendance data release

## Attendance metrics improved in 2022-23

Overall, attendance metrics in 2022-23 improved in comparison to 2021-22. This included:

- An improvement in the chronic absenteeism rate from 35.5\% to 31\%. This is a reduction of more than 5 percentage points and represents about 48,000 fewer students who were chronically absent and had more consistent engagement in learning.
- An improvement in the attendance rate from 90.2\% to 90.8\%.
- About $75 \%$ of districts had attendance rates that were the same or better (148 of the 185 local education agencies or BOCES).

State Chronic Absentee Rate


2016-2017 2017-2018 2018-2019 2019-2020 2020-2021 2021-2022 2022-2023

## Large numbers of students have inconsistent attendance

Chronic absenteeism is still impacting a large number of districts, schools, and students. This includes:

- More than 1 out of every 4 CO students were chronically absent, representing 269,582 students.
- More than $35 \%$ of Kindergarteners, $11^{\text {th }}$ graders, and $12^{\text {th }}$ graders were chronically absent.

Chronic Absentee Rate by Grade


## Attendance definitions:

| Average <br> Daily <br> Attendance | Number of <br> days attended <br> over number of <br> days enrolled |
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| Chronic | Missing more |
| Absenteeism | than 10\% of <br> enrolled school <br> days (excused <br> and unexcused) |
| Truancy | Unexcused <br> absences over <br> number of days <br> enrolled |

Dropout Prevention and Student Reengagement website

## Rates for student groups

Some student groups had higher rates of chronic absenteeism than the statewide average of $31 \%$. This included Multilingual learners (40\%), Students with IEPs (39\%), Students who qualify for free/reduced price lunch (43\%), Homeless students (60\%) and Migrant students (43\%).


## Rates by student race/ethnicity

Rates of Chronic absenteeism were not consistent across racial student groups. This included:

- The two groups with the highest rates are also the smallest groups of students:
- American Indian/Alaska Native (5,663 students - 48\%)
- Hawaiian Pacific Islander (2,856 students - 53\%)
- Black/African American and Hispanic were above the state average of $31.1 \%$ ( $37 \%$ and $41 \%$, respectively)
- White and Asian students were below the average ( $24 \%$ and $20 \%$, respectively)



## Resources

- CDE's office of Dropout Prevention and Student Re-engagement has compiled resources on evidencebased practices to improve attendance and promising practices from around the state.
- CDE's Data Services team collects and publishes annual attendance data.

