



Board of Education

TO: West Chicago District 33 Board of Education
FROM: Director of Assessment & Accountability, Cathy Park
DATE: May 11, 2026
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 May 11, 2026, we have been in school for 158 days, and the districtwide chronic absenteeism rate is at 16%, which is a decrease from last month. When comparing absence rates from last year at this time and this year, we are seeing a higher percentage of students with 10% of more absences. However, overall attendance has gone down since last month. We also had spring break during this past month, so it is encouraging to see that our attendance rates were not affected from the break.

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

Background or historical information:

Our school report cards were published on October 30, 2025. According to the Illinois School Report Card, District 33 had a chronic absenteeism rate of 18.7%, compared to the state average of 25.4%. Our truancy rate was 11.8% whereas the state average was 19.8%.

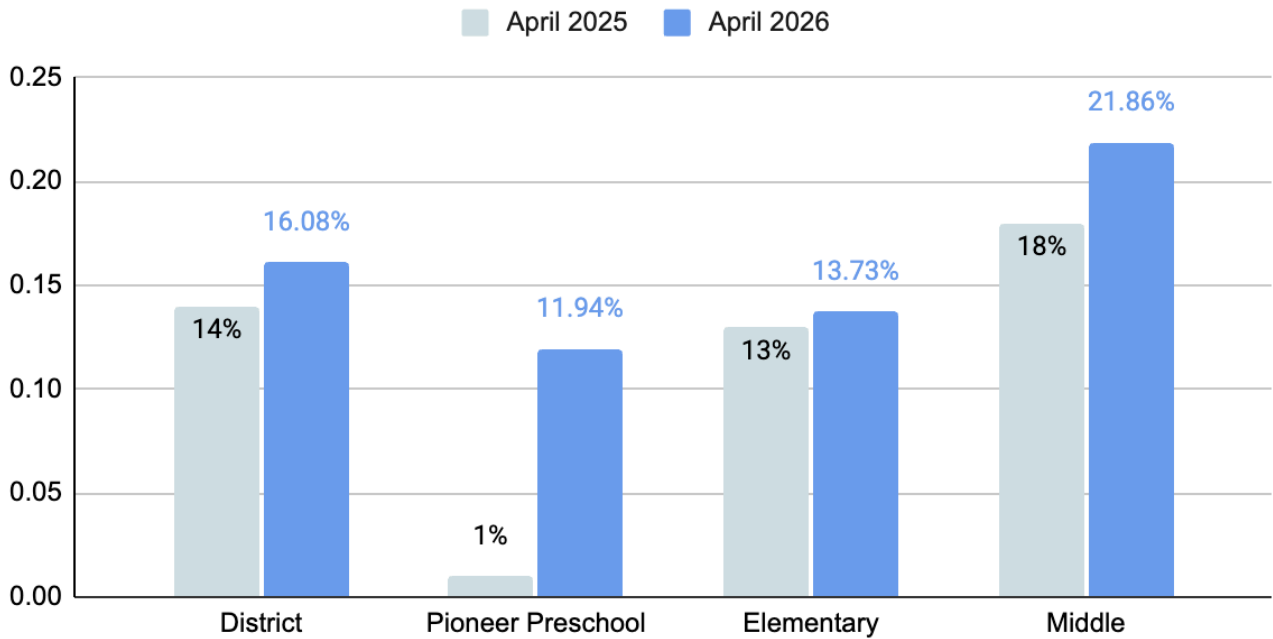
Previous decisions, actions, or parameters that relate to this topic or issue:

Recommendations:

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

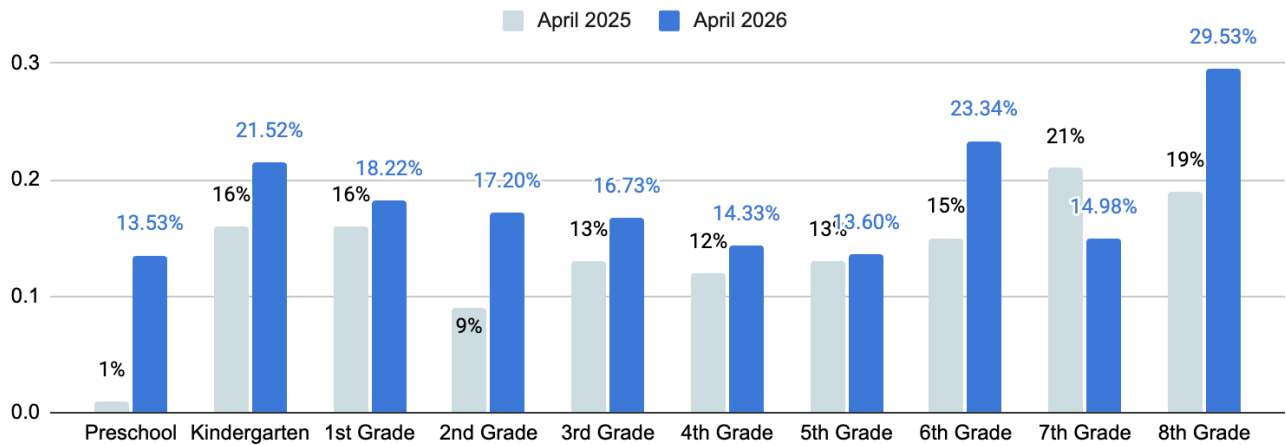
Chronic Absenteeism by Level

Percentage of Students Absent 10% or more of School Days



Chronic Absenteeism by Grades

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