

Executive Summary

Board of Trustees Meeting June 23, 2020

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Board Goals:

Domain 1 – **Teaching & Learning**

- establish high expectations with a curriculum fostering inquiry, critical thinking, civic responsibility and exemplary citizenship

Domain 2 – **Culture & Climate**

- foster a positive, welcoming environment encouraging parent and community partnerships
- promote health, wellness and emotional well-being

Domain 3 – **Growth & Management**

- remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on every campus

Domain 4 – **Opportunities for Students**

- develop academic skills and interpersonal relationships necessary for student success in college, the workplace, and for life.

Purpose of Report:

The purpose of this report is to provide campus and district ADA percentages for the 2019-2020 school year (August 14, 2019 through May 21, 2020) and to compare this data to prior years. This year's data will not be complete due to the interruption caused by COVID-19. Due to this pandemic, 47 instructional days were completed, however TEA will not utilize attendance data for this period of time. This report will also identify current truancy prevention measures being used on Denton ISD campuses to increase student attendance.

Objective:

The objective is to routinely analyze and monitor Denton ISD's attendance data with the goal of improving student attendance. By making this data readily accessible throughout the school year, the district will raise awareness of school attendance and monitor trends and changes across the district. The district will also provide transparent communication, training, and support; where needed, to improve student attendance in Denton ISD.

Operational Impact:

The analysis and monitoring of attendance data will increase the funding received from ADA, increase academic success and school completion, and support the district goal ensuring that all students are reading on grade level by the end of grade 3.

Results:

There are 173 instructional days in this school year. The district ADA% for the 2019-2020 school year is 96.3%, this is an increase from last school year when the ADA% was 96.24%. There are 2 factors that may influence the final ADA % for this school year. Denton ISD will be requesting a *Low Attendance Days* waiver from TEA to excuse several days from the ADA and FSP funding calculations

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due to attendance being at least 10 percentage points below the last school year's overall average attendance. In addition, TEA will not utilize attendance data reported during the fifth or sixth six-week reporting periods.

Ann Windle and Gonzalez both serve EE and Pre-K students, their ADA % was 99.71% and 99.54%. Adkins had the highest attendance percentage for elementary campuses in Denton ISD at 97.29%. Harpool had the highest attendance percentage for middle school campuses in Denton ISD at 97.12 followed very closely by Crownover with 97.1%. Guyer had the highest attendance percentage for high school campuses in Denton ISD at 96.88%.

Reporting period 1 had the highest ADA% at 97.41%, while reporting period 3 had the lowest ADA at 95.47%.

The previous school years ADA percentages are below:

Annual ADA% Comparisons

School Year	Attendance Percentage
2018-19	96.24%
2017-18	95.87%
2016-17	96.08%
2015-16	95.87%
2014-15	95.83%
2013-14	95.98%

Pre-K had the highest ADA% at 99.85%, followed by 5th grade with 96.64%. 12th grade had the lowest ADA% at 95.34%, followed by Kindergarten with 95.42%.

The truancy prevention measures used in the 2019 – 2020 year include, but are not limited to; automated phone calls, flyers, student and parent communications, warning letters (17,440) **online truancy class completions** (4,515), in-person truancy class referrals (5,715), attendance contracts (5,990), campus consequences (1,899), home visits (147), truancy officer referrals (583), court referrals and court contempts (232). Denton ISD campuses have provided over **36,398** truancy prevention measures in the 2019-2020 school year.

Denton ISD campuses had **151,535** unfunded absences in the 2019-2020 school year. Elementary School had 46,644 excused absences and 25,338 unexcused absences. Secondary had 46,149 excused absences and 33,404 unexcused absences.