



RUSD

RIVERSIDE UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT



WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS:

*The Importance of
Regular School
Attendance*

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Attendance Terms

<i>Compulsory Education</i>	<i>Truant</i>	<i>Chronic Absentee</i>
<p>Children between the ages of 6 and 18 must attend school full-time, unless otherwise exempt.</p>	<p>Student who is absent from school without a valid excuse for more than 30 minutes three or more times in a school year.</p>	<p>Student who is absent from school for 10% or more of the days enrolled in school for any reason (excused and unexcused).</p>

When students are not in school, they miss out on valuable instructional time!

Research and Data Tell Us...

- Attendance is the #1 indicator of dropout and graduation rates
- Chronically absent students in **Kinder** scored **20% lower** in reading and math in later grades and are **2X** more likely to be **retained**
- There is a **25% drop** in likelihood of graduating high school in four years when students are absent between **5-9 days** per semester
- The effect of chronic absence on graduation rates is **cumulative** – with every year of chronic absenteeism, a **higher percentage of students dropout of school**

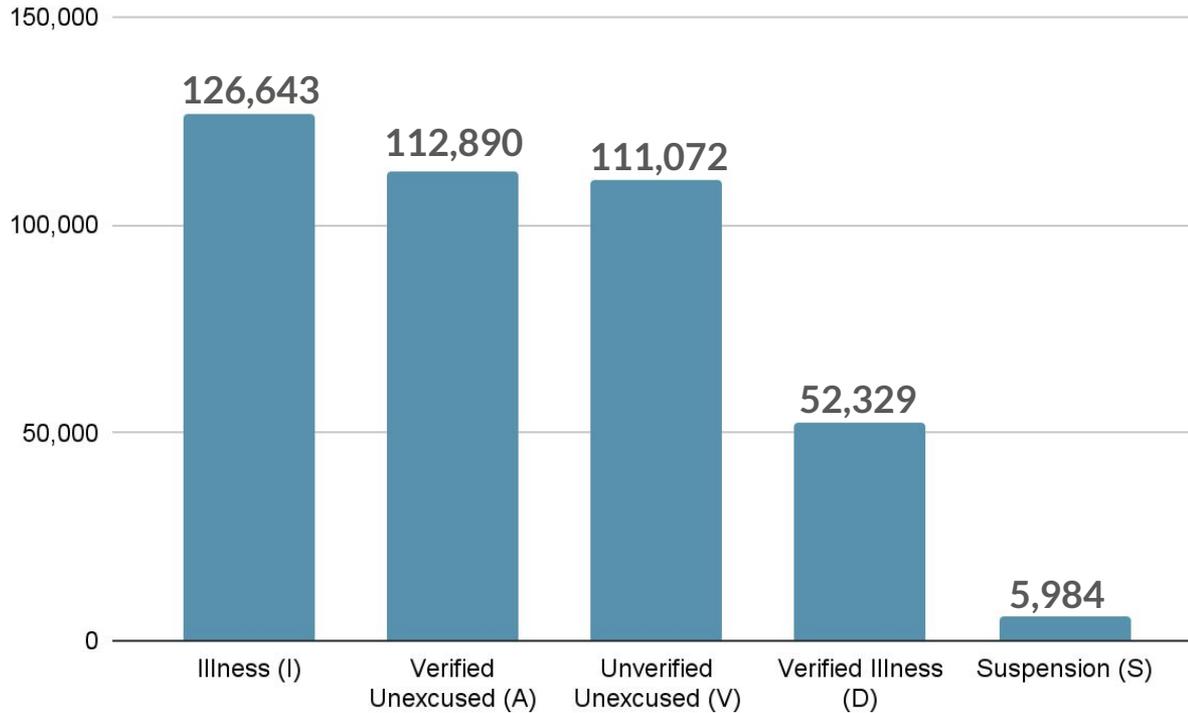
Source: [Attendance Works](#)

Chronic Absenteeism Rates - RUSD

Academic Year	Chronic Absenteeism Eligible Enrollment	Chronic Absenteeism Count	Chronic Absenteeism Rate
2022-23	27,885	6,628	23.8%
2021-22	28,301	8,022	28.3%
2020-21	27,782	3,681	13.2%
2019-20	N/A	N/A	N/A
2018-19	29,994	2,911	9.7%
2017-18	30,109	2,906	9.7%
2016-17	30,337	2,799	9.2%

Source: [DataQuest](#)

Attendance Code Top 5 Absences



Source: A2A

RUSD Attendance Supports

Intensive Intervention

- Case management
- School Attendance Review Board (SARB)



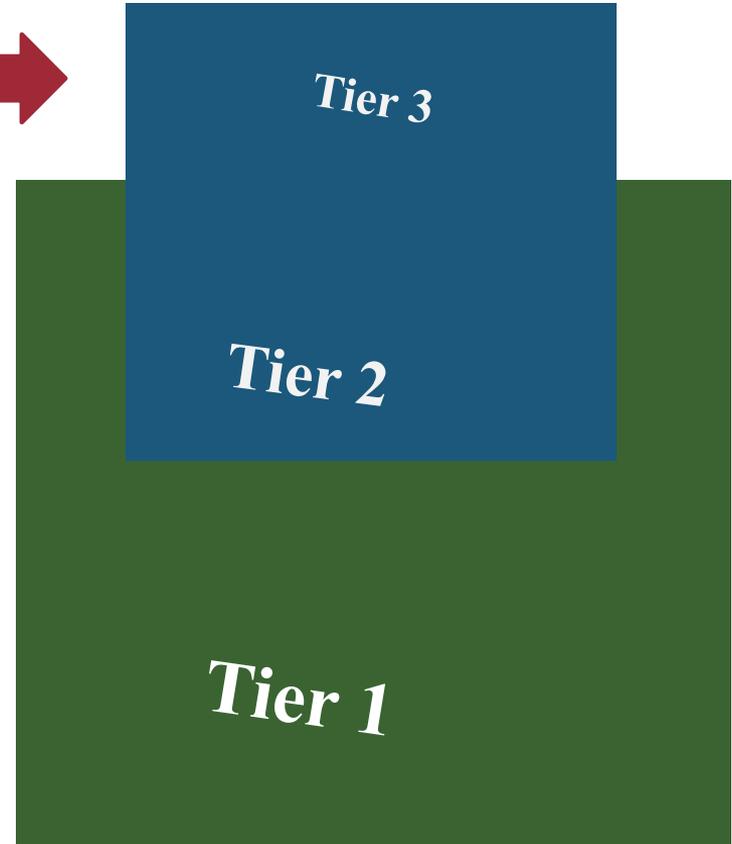
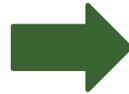
Early Identification and Intervention

- Data review and analysis
- Student and family outreach
- Individualized interventions/supports
- Attendance improvement plans/agreements



Prevention

- Establish goals and expectations
- Attendance recognition events
- Attendance incentives
- Parent and community events





BRAINSTORM & SHARE OUT

What are some of the reasons that students miss school?

How does missing school impact learning?

A Helpful Reminder...

**Students spend less than half the year in school!
Daily attendance is critical to school success –
every second of every period, every day.**



*Instructional
time is sacred!*

calendar

**180 days
of school**

**185 days
out of
school**

*Schedule family
vacations,
appointments and
activities when
school is not in
session.*



How Parents Can Support Good Attendance...

- Monitor your student's attendance throughout the school year with an [attendance calendar](#) or through your [AERIES](#) parent portal
- Be acquainted with District Attendance [calendar](#)
- Provide notes or call the school when your child is absent
- Establish morning and evening routines to reduce tardiness
- Develop “back-up plans” and people to help in the case of an unforeseen problem (parent illness, car breaks down, etc.)
- Reach out to school/district staff when you need support and/or resources



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