

District Data Dashboard User Guide

Introduction

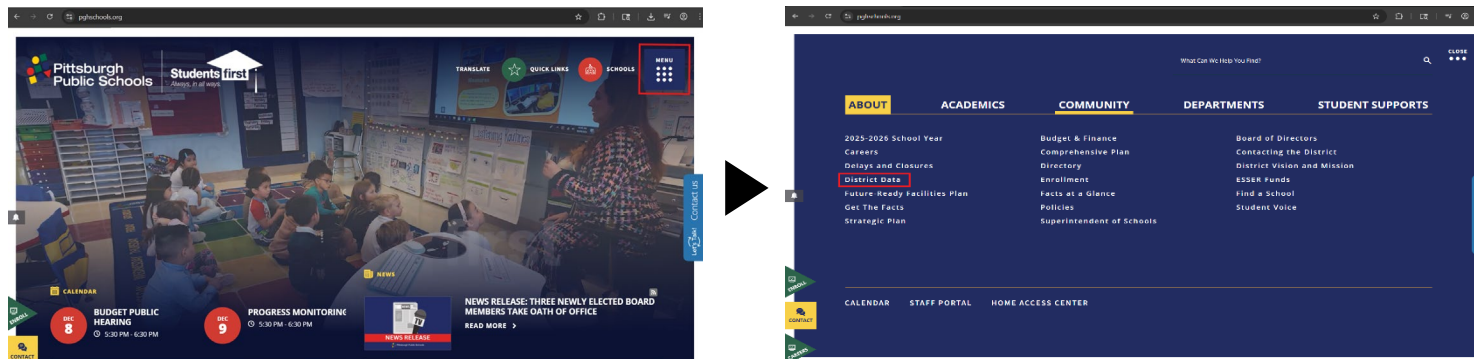
This document provides instructions on how to navigate to Pittsburgh Public Schools data dashboards and provides tips on how to navigate dashboards. Data dashboards present data about students and schools via an interactive interface that allows end-users to look at different groups and subgroups of data (e.g. look only at students with IEPs). The most important functions available in the dashboards include clicking from one page to another, looking only at subsets of data, and clearing filters. Images are provided from the Pittsburgh Public Schools website and the data dashboards.

Getting Started

This section describes how to find the dashboards. First, users will navigate to the Pittsburgh Public Schools website and then choose a specific dashboard to look at.

Pittsburgh Public Schools Homepage

Go to <https://www.pghschools.org/> to and click on the **Menu Button**. Next, click on **District Data** to go to the dashboard page.



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Selecting the Dashboard

Determine the dashboard you want to view, then open it by **clicking the name of the dashboard**. See the Attendance Rates example below:

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DATA DASHBOARDS

One of the top priorities of Pittsburgh Public Schools is to ensure that all students have the best educational opportunities. As part of our commitment to increase transparency for families and community and to monitor the progress of all schools, the Office of Data, Research, Evaluation and Assessment (DREA) makes District-level data available via the District's Data Dashboards. The Dashboards track the District's progress on Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).

Through the Dashboards, visitors can find results related to multiple KPIs such as Cohort Graduation Rates, Attendance Rates, Suspension rates and more. Dashboards typically display metrics at both the District and school level. Metrics for important subgroups are also included, when possible.

To download the data available in the dashboards below, please visit our [Available Data Reports](#) page.

Please note: Due to recent federal changes in the identification process for students classified as *Economically Disadvantaged*, additional manual reviews are required to ensure the accuracy of this indicator for the **SY2025-26 data**. This is a common activity each year; however, the federal updates have increased the number of records that must be verified. District staff, who serve as data stewards for our food service systems, are actively reviewing and updating this information. We anticipate completion within the next month and appreciate your understanding as we ensure the accuracy of our data.

For best results, please use one of the following supported web browsers: Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, IE 11, Mozilla Firefox. Please contact support@pphschools.org if you encounter any issues.

Data Dashboards

Accountability Performance

Provides data on the percentage of students who achieved proficient or advanced in tested subject areas on the PSSA/PASA and Keystone exams.

Attendance Rates

Displays Attendance and Chronic Absence Rates for the district, schools, and student groups

Cohort Graduation Rates

Shows the Cohort Graduation Rate, which follows a cohort of students that started 9th grade together

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Click here to download previous year's data in this dashboard

Definitions

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Viewing in Full Screen

This section provides tips on how to look at data in a more user-friendly way. This can be done by using the “Full Screen” button to make the images on the dashboard bigger and easier to read. Enter Full Screen

Click the ↗ icon in the **bottom-right corner** to expand the dashboard to full-screen.

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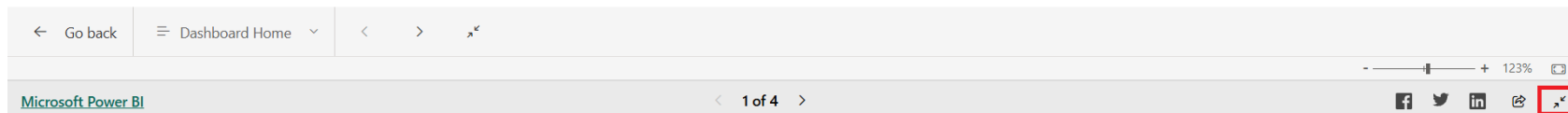
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Navigating Pages

This section describes how to move from one page to another. There are multiple ways a user can go from one page to another to look at the information provided on each page.

Homepage

The **Homepage** is the first screen you see when the dashboard opens. It gives basic information, including the definitions, assumptions, and calculations used throughout the dashboard. Additionally, the homepage lists different pages within the dashboard. In the example below, there are 3 pages:

- District Summary
- School Summary
- Attendance Comparison Tool

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Arrow Navigation

Use the **left and right arrows** at the **bottom center** to move between pages.

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Button Navigation

Click the **labeled buttons** to navigate between pages. Buttons appear in the **center of the homepage** and in the **top-right corner on other pages**.

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District Summary

Filter student population

Grade	Gender
All	All
Race	
All	
IEP Status	
All	
Foster Care Status	
All	
Homelessness Status	
All	
Economically Disadvantaged St...	
All	
English Language Learner Status	
All	

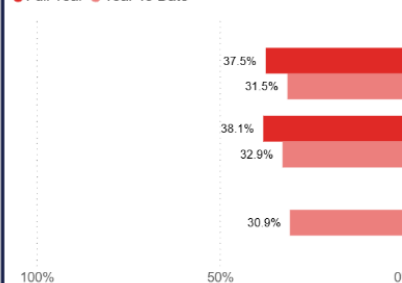
[Reset Filters](#)

District Wide Attendance Rates

Chronic Absence Rate

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● Full Year ● Year To Date



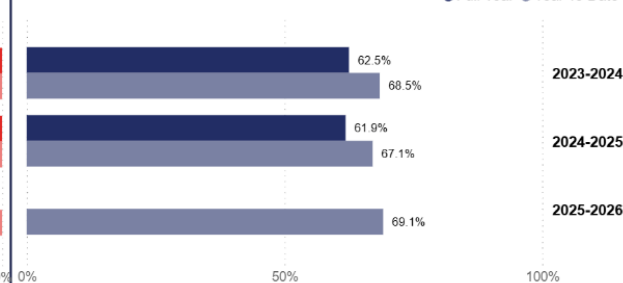
TIP: Can't see a number or value in the chart? Hover over the bar or column!

Data last updated on: November 25, 2025

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Filtering Data

This section will describe how to filter data. To “filter” data is to select only a subgroup within the overall population. For instance a dashboard may show multiple years of data about all students enrolled in the district in each of the years. To filter the data would allow users to look at only some of the grades, student races, IEP statuses, or genders. When data are filtered, these filters can always be removed to look at the entire population.

Multiple filters can be selected. For instance, a user can filter the data to show only students:

- In grade 01
- Who have IEPs
- Are English Language Learners

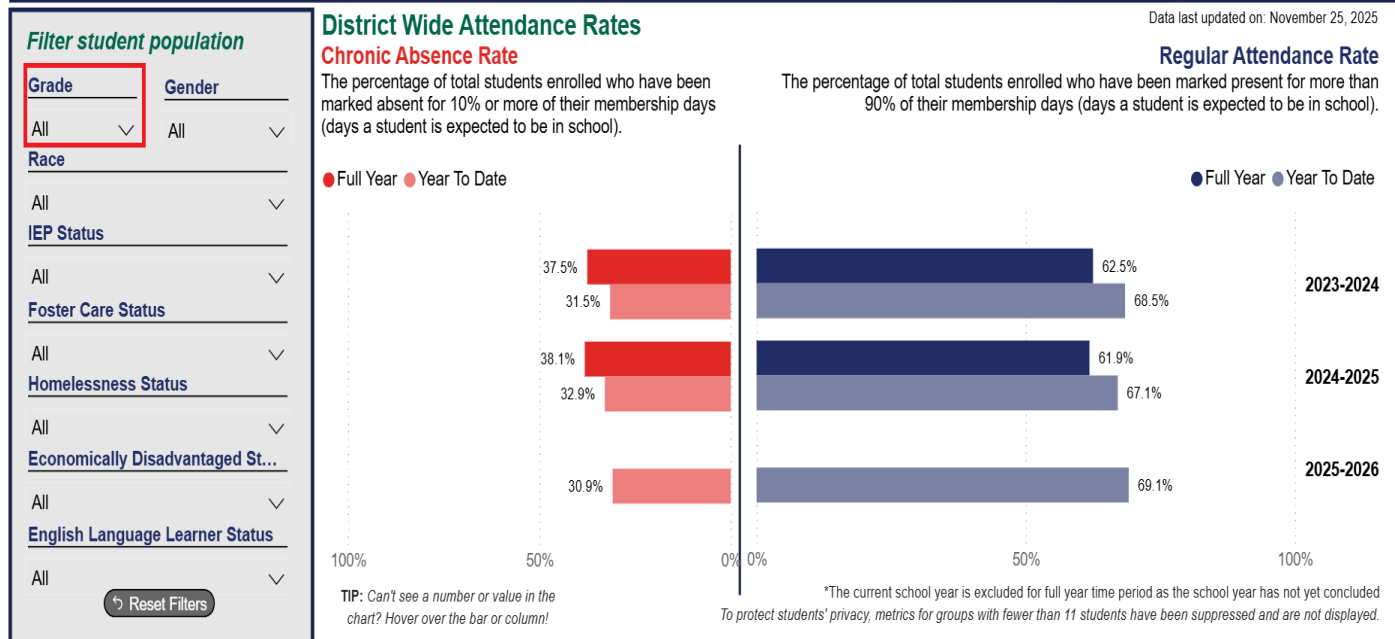
To do this, one will select each of these groups in the drop down to the categories for Grade, IEP Status, and English Language Learner Status. To go back to having no filters, a user will click “Reset Filters”, which will then show data for the entire population. A user can then use the drop-down boxes to set different filters and look at a different subset of the population.

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Selecting a Filter

Filters allow you to narrow the results to specific categories by selecting a sub-group in the dropdown list. **“All” means no filter** is applied.

District Summary



Filter student

Grade

All

☐ Select all

☐ 0K

☐ 01

☐ 02

☐ 03

☐ 04

☐ 05

☐ 06

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In this example, you can see the district-wide attendance rate and chronic absence rate for school years 2023–2024, 2024–2025, and 2025–2026. There is currently no filter applied, so all students are included. The full year is not visible for 2025–2026 because the district has not finished this year. However, across the three school years, you can see how attendance looked at the same point in time. This is the year-to-date view.

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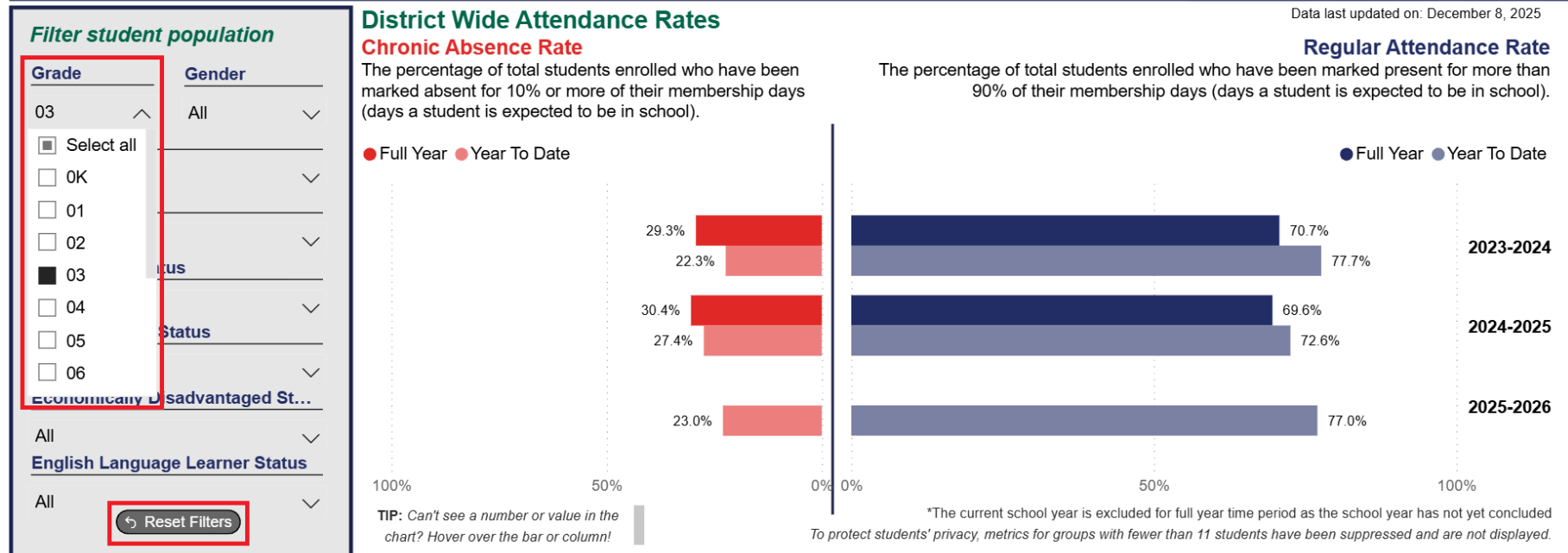
Grade Filtered Data Example

The example below displays full-year and year-to-date chronic absence rates for 3rd-grade students. Select **Reset Filters** to return to the full data.

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