



Hartford Board of Education
Workshop Meeting – Tuesday, September 3, 2013

Sarah J. Rawson School, 260 Holcomb Street, Hartford,
Connecticut 06112

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order (5:30 p.m.)
- II. Workshop Session
 - A. School Based Health Clinics
 - B. Student Attendance Data: Average Attendance and Chronic Absences
- II. Adjournment

Upcoming Board of Education Meeting

*** BOE Regular Meeting: Tuesday, September 17 at 5:30 p.m. at Bulkeley High School, 300 Wethersfield Avenue, CT 06114. ***

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Student Attendance

Eduardo V. Genao
Chief of Early Literacy and Parent Engagement

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Mandatory School Attendance



- “Each parent or other person having control of a child five years of age and over and under eighteen years of age shall cause such child to attend a public school regularly during the hours and terms the public school in the district in which such child resides is in session, unless such child is a high school graduate or the parent or person having control of such child is able to show that the child is elsewhere receiving equivalent instruction in the studies taught in the public schools.” - Conn. Gen. Stat. 10-184
- CT statutes mandate a minimum of 180 school days a year

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Three Ways to Look at Attendance



Average Daily Attendance: calculates the number of days in attendance for all students divided by the number of days enrolled (possible days in attendance). States use this definition of attendance mostly for funding purposes.

Excused / Unexcused Absences: this definition of attendance is used for state truancy reporting requirements.

Chronic Absence: calculates the number and percent of students who have missed 10% or more of the school year (18 days or more), regardless of the reason (excused or unexcused). This is an academic achievement view of attendance.

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Average Daily Attendance Three-Year View Elementary Schools



School Name	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	3 Year Avg %
America's Choice at Sand	88.45	88.82	88.68	88.66
Batchelder Elementary School	93.31	93.38	91.71	92.80
Bellizzi Middle School	84.25	93.25	99.00	92.03
Betances Elementary School	N/A	86.31	89.89	87.94
Betances STEM Magnet School	N/A	N/A	94.46	94.46
Breakthrough II Elementary School	89.87	93.65	N/A	91.89
Breakthrough Magnet School	93.73	94.74	96.43	94.97
Burns Latino Studies Academy	85.64	86.00	85.36	85.67
Burr Elementary School	87.74	82.78	92.88	87.80
Clark Elementary School	84.81	88.20	86.73	86.58
Dwight Elementary School	90.17	90.88	91.19	90.82
Fisher STEM Magnet School	95.37	95.30	96.12	95.60
Global Communications Academy (IB)	92.66	94.59	93.52	93.63
Hooker Environmental Sciences Magnet School	N/A	93.63	94.64	94.13
Jumoke Academy at Milner	85.74	87.82	90.53	88.04
Kennelly Elementary School	89.96	93.70	93.20	92.29
Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts	95.00	93.75	95.11	94.64
Martin L. King Elementary School	87.51	87.62	92.37	89.28
MD Fox Elementary School	89.84	92.10	75.13	85.53
Montessori Magnet School at Annie Fisher	90.61	93.10	93.16	92.40
Moylan Expeditionary Learning Academy	91.16	89.13	90.01	90.22
Naylor Elementary/CCSU Leadership Academy	89.07	93.89	93.55	92.17
Parkville Community School	83.93	88.64	90.54	87.55
Rawson Elementary School	94.00	89.94	95.01	93.31
Rawson Middle Grades Academy	80.43	93.13	N/A	86.78
Renzulli Academy	94.38	93.27	93.61	93.70
Sanchez Elementary School	89.83	90.24	90.78	90.26
Simpson-Waverly Elementary School	82.19	99.21	91.54	90.98
West Middle Elementary School	N/A	N/A	92.48	92.48
Wish Elementary School	85.45	N/A	92.18	88.81
Elementary School Subtotal	89.06	91.31	91.60	90.70

**Average Daily Attendance
Three-Year View
Secondary Schools**



School Name	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	3 Year Avg %
Bulkeley Lower High School	69.61	85.92	91.45	81.88
Bulkeley Upper High School	69.63	81.17	81.33	75.44
Capital Preparatory Magnet School	96.58	97.05	95.96	96.54
Classical Magnet School	96.48	96.97	97.08	96.83
Culinary Arts Academy	76.19	81.79	75.93	77.83
Great Path Academy Middle College HS	N/A	N/A	92.34	92.34
Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy	94.37	96.37	95.69	95.49
High School Inc	81.53	78.93	85.80	82.44
HPHS Engineering and Green Tech. Academy	82.22	76.03	79.53	79.49
HPHS Freshman Academy	78.73	79.40	N/A	79.07
HPHS Law and Government Academy	78.26	86.12	84.79	82.69
HPHS Nursing Academy	82.21	65.77	75.53	75.10
Journalism and Media Academy	78.30	79.25	67.29	74.64
McDonough Expeditionary Learning School	77.36	86.49	85.50	80.60
OPPortunity High School	71.48	74.10	76.43	73.81
Pathways Academy of Technology and Design	92.87	91.12	93.10	92.40
Sport and Medical Sciences Academy	91.35	94.02	93.48	92.88
University High of Science and Engineering	91.03	93.45	94.80	92.93
Secondary School Subtotal	84.41	87.88	88.25	86.79

**Average Daily Attendance
Three-Year View
District Summary**



<u>School Year</u>	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>3 Yr. Average</u>
Elementary	89.06	91.31	91.60	90.70
Secondary	84.41	87.88	88.25	86.79
District Total	87.75	90.44	90.77	89.68
State Total	94.11	94.70		

Chronic Absence



DEFINITIONS

Severe Chronic Absences: Missing 20% or more total school days (36 days or more)

Moderate Chronic Absences: Missing 10% - 19.99% total school days (between 18 – 35 days)

ALL Chronic Absences: Missing 10% or more total school days (18 days or more)

At-Risk Attendance: Missing 5-9.99% or more total school days (9 – 17 days)

Satisfactory Attendance: Missing less than 5% or more total school days (less than 9 days)

Chronic Absences – Elementary Schools 2012-2013



School Name (Elementary)	NUMBER ALL chronic absence (severe + moderate)	PERCENT ALL chronic absence (severe + moderate)
Clark Elementary School	171	47.6%
Burns Latino Studies Academy	224	43.2%
America's Choice at Sand	176	40.7%
Betances Elementary School	98	39.8%
Jumoke Academy at Milner	125	35.5%
Simpson-Waverly Elementary School	99	32.7%
Dwight Elementary School	180	31.0%
Montessori Magnet at Moylan School	31	30.7%
Wish Elementary School	102	29.1%
Sanchez Elementary School	118	28.2%
Betances STEM Magnet School	39	27.7%
Moylan Expeditionary Learning Academy	139	26.0%
MD Fox Elementary School	112	25.1%
Batchelder Elementary School	126	25.0%
Martin L. King Elementary School	87	23.4%
West Middle Elementary School	121	23.0%
Breakthrough II Elementary School	48	22.6%
Kennelly Elementary School	132	20.7%
Bum Elementary School	134	19.6%
Global Communications Academy (IB)	87	19.1%
Montessori Magnet School at Annie Fisher	46	18.3%
Naylor Elementary/CCSU Leadership Academy	118	18.1%
Rawson Elementary School	84	16.2%
Renzulli Academy	19	13.9%
Webster Microsociety Magnet School	69	11.2%
Hooker Environmental Sciences Magnet School	60	10.4%
Bellizzi Middle School	2	10.0%
Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts	69	9.5%
Fisher STEM Magnet School	20	6.2%
Breakthrough Magnet School	20	5.8%

Chronic Absences – Secondary Schools 2012-2013

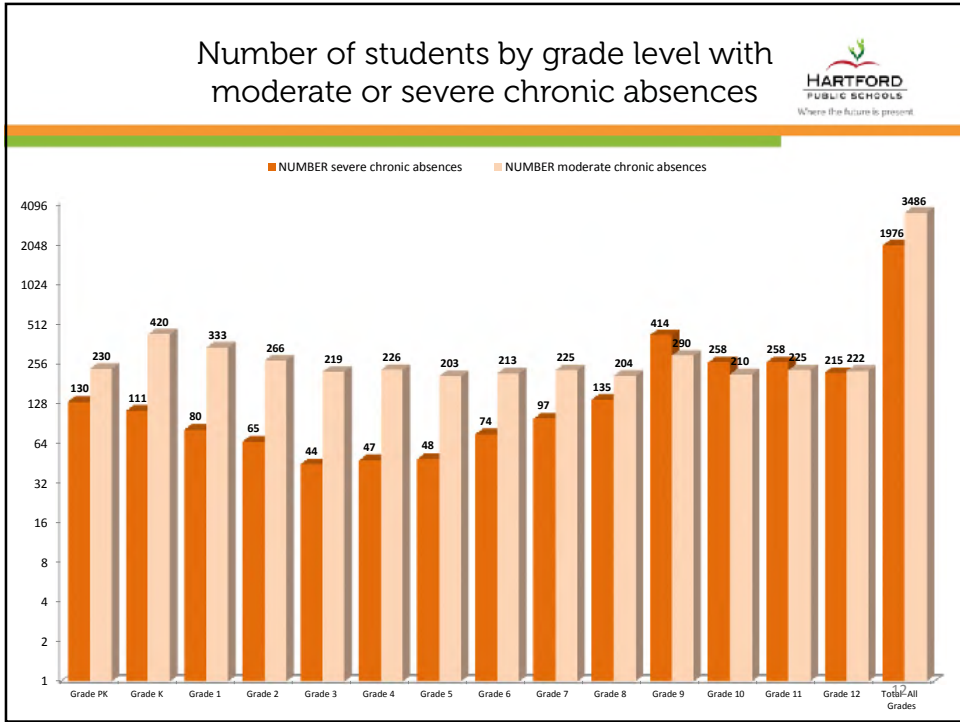
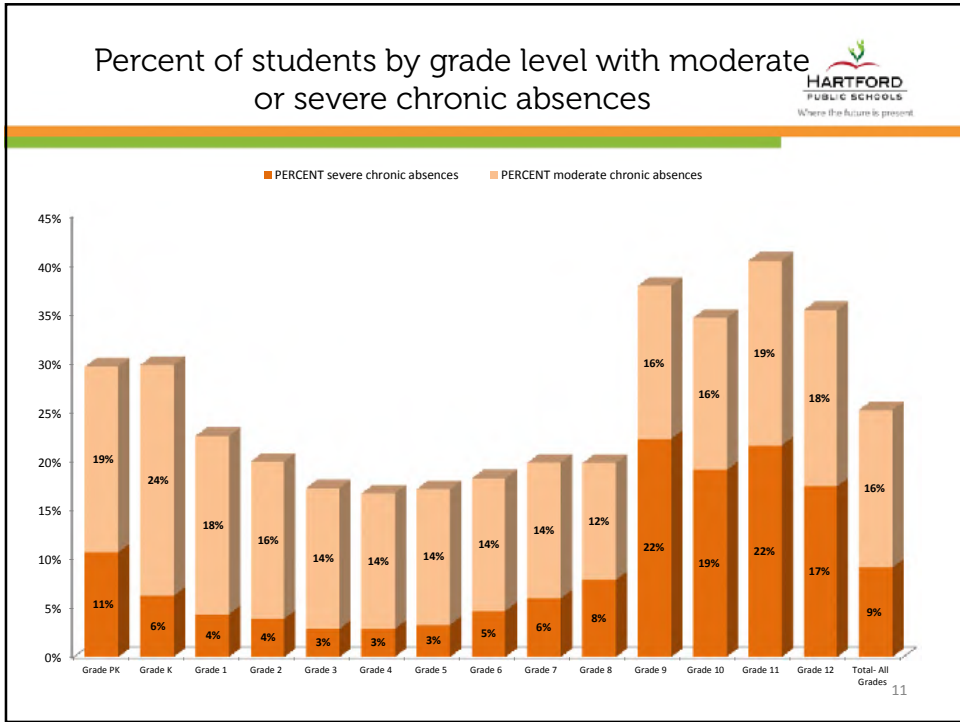


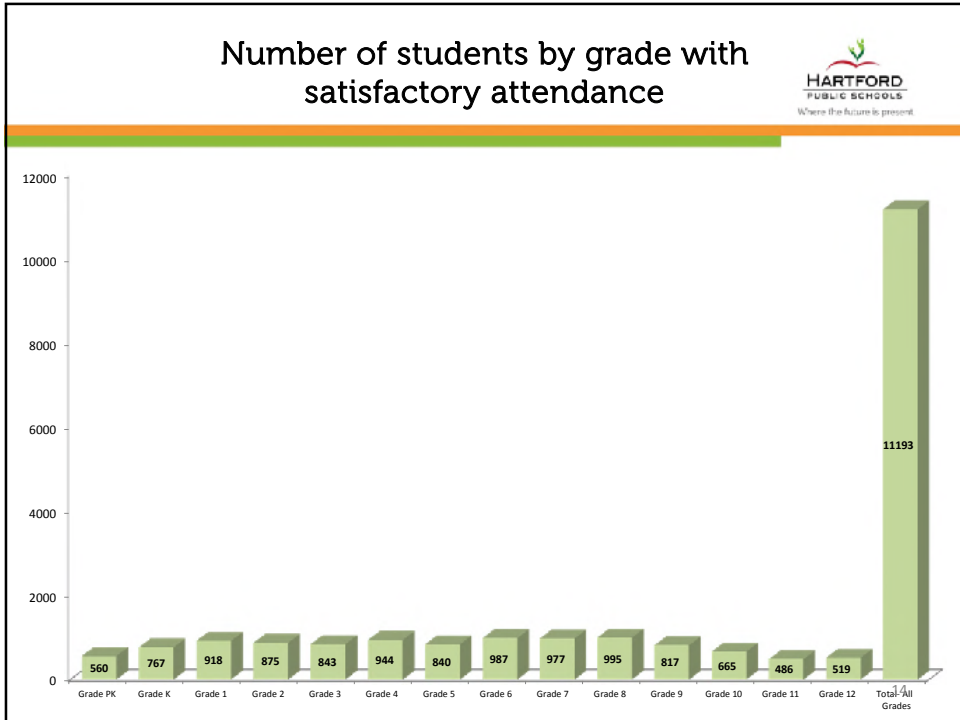
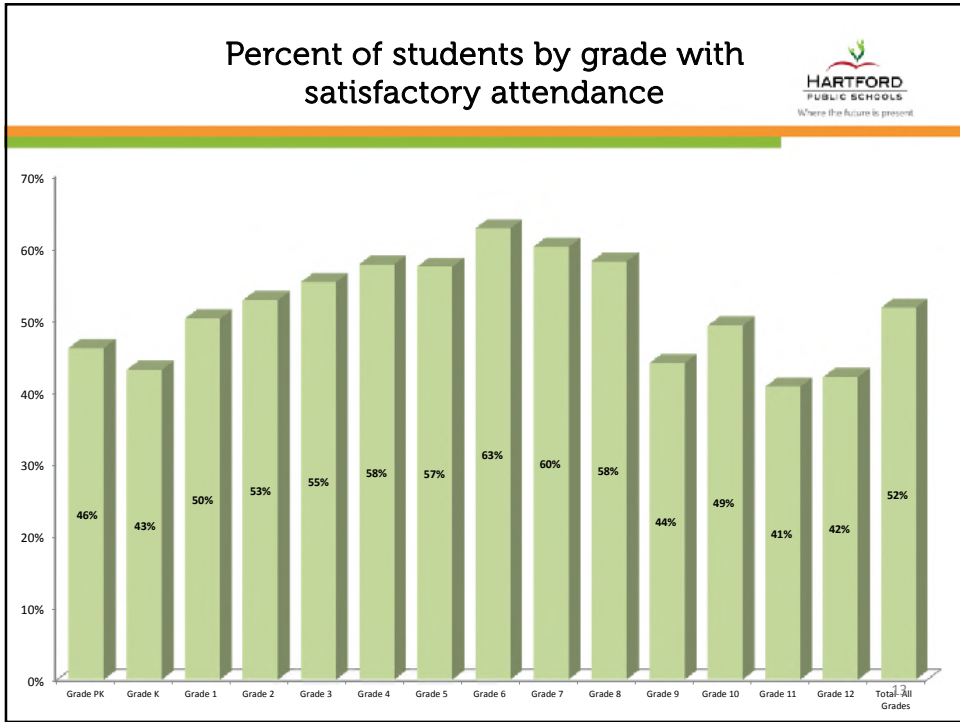
School Name (Secondary)	NUMBER ALL chronic absence (severe + moderate)	PERCENT ALL chronic absence (severe + moderate)
Culinary Arts Academy	210	64.6%
OPportunity High School	73	62.9%
HPhS Nursing Academy	303	56.6%
Journalism and Media Academy	140	56.5%
HPhS Engineering and Green Tech. Academy	276	55.5%
HPhS Law and Government Academy	293	46.6%
High School Inc	185	44.9%
Bulkeley Lower High School	209	44.8%
Bulkeley Upper High School	242	43.7%
McDonough Expeditionary Learning School	128	33.3%
Parkville Community School	106	22.6%
Great Path Academy Middle College High School	49	17.6%
Pathways Academy of Technology and Design	57	15.8%
Sport and Medical Sciences Academy	115	15.6%
University High of Science and Engineering	50	10.8%
Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy	44	5.0%
Capital Preparatory Magnet School	24	3.4%
Classical Magnet School	25	3.4%

Chronic Absence – District Total 2012-2013



Hartford School District	NUMBER ALL chronic absence (severe + moderate)	PERCENT ALL chronic absence (severe + moderate)
	5462	25.2%





Hartford Campaign for Grade Level Reading: September is Attendance Awareness Month – Planned Activities and Initiatives



- Superintendent signed the Attendance Works' Attendance Awareness Month Pledge
- Op-ed in Hartford Courant on importance of daily attendance
- Radio Public Service Announcements (Mayor & Superintendent)
- Billboard on I-91
- Banners funded by Hartford Foundation for Public Giving
- Attendance Awareness flyers distributed to families
- HPS launches AttendanceCounts webpage
- Letters and flyers to Faith-Based leaders
- School Messenger bilingual messages to families

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Next Steps



- Work with Central Office and school staff, parents (SGC, PTO, Title I Liaisons), students, and community partners to emphasize the importance of daily attendance and the academic consequences of chronic absences.
- Produce weekly and monthly attendance reports and share with Portfolio Directors and School Quality Review Teams who will follow up with principals and school staff.
- Develop and share procedures and protocols of best practices that schools already use or can use to increase student attendance.
- Work with Hartford Campaign for Grade Level Reading to obtain non-district funding for an Attendance Facilitator who will train staff, parents, and community partners, research and share best practices, produce attendance reports and analyze attendance trends and patterns.

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