



CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

Chronic Absenteeism Monthly Report:

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A written report will be provided to the school board monthly regarding chronic absenteeism data. The information will include the data as it stands at the end of each month.

What is chronic absenteeism?

A student is chronically absent if at any point in the year they have accumulated absences of 10% or more excluding religious observances and extended medical absences with doctor's orders. Days of suspension are included as accumulated absences.

Review of Strategies:

Our social workers who primarily support student attendance were surveyed to provide information for this report.

Caseloads:

The social workers surveyed have caseloads of 10, 17, 18, and 10 for students and families receiving ongoing, intensive intervention for attendance and engagement. These students were identified using multiple data points including attendance. This does not include students who are supported by the social worker due to McKinney Vento status who often have similar needs but are not screened into intervention based on their attendance data.

Home visits:

Home visits are a tool used by social workers to establish rapport, connect the family with services, and demonstrate the importance of the matter to be discussed. While in the home social workers may be modeling how to establish morning routines or providing psychoeducation to families regarding student mental health needs. The social workers who focus primarily on student engagement are conducting home visits based on individual student and family needs ranging from multiple times daily to weekly. The frequency of home visits for an individual family is highest when the case is first established or when a student is not showing improvement in their attendance.

Primary barriers to engagement:

The majority of students that are receiving tiered intervention are also experiencing challenges outside of school. That includes untreated mental health and substance abuse among the adults in the home, and/or untreated mental health or substance abuse with the student. Families identify a lack of resources as a barrier to school attendance. Social workers have identified an increase in the number of students who are citing academic difficulties as a reason for poor school attendance. Cultural differences and language barriers have been identified as a concern for our immigrant and refugee families which is exacerbated by the current political climate. Reporting absences continues to be difficult for parents who don't speak English and there

continues to be difficulty accessing Parentsquare. Our social workers are frequently working with families who are also being supported by Charlottesville Department of Social Services.

Community agencies:

The list of community resources that are being accessed by our team is extensive. This is a non-exhaustive list.

Service Type	Agency
In Home Services	Jefferson Area Child Health Partnerships,
Outpatient Counseling	Region Ten CSB, Riverbend, People Places, National Counseling Group, Counseling Alliance of Virginia, Ready Kids
Basic needs	Loads of Love, Salvation Army Store, Santa Fund clothing vouchers, clothing closets, Ed Zone, Loaves and Fishes, food services through CCS, CHS food pantry, Stepping Stone Charlottesville,
Housing	Department of Social Services including Foster Care Prevention, Pathways Community Resources Hotline for funding (rent, utilities), Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) Funding, Hope House,
Funding for Services	FAPT, Patient Financial Services, Adults Services including DD Waiver,
Mechanics	Peacocks, By Word of Mouth Automotive
Health Services	UVA Teen Health, Charlottesville Free Clinic, Charlottesville Free Dental Clinic, Pediatric Associates, Iniciativa de Salud Latina de UVA, Blue Ridge Health District
Substance Use Treatment	Region Ten, UVA
Mentoring, Opportunities for Families	Piedmont Housing Alliance, On Our Own, Region Ten Parent Partners, Ready Kids, TJACE@PVCC
Mentoring, Opportunities for Students	CAYIP, Teens Give, Cville Shine, YoungLife and Lyfepact, Wartime Fitness Warriors, Music Resource Center, individual or group mentoring, Big Brother Big Sister of the Central Blue Ridge, 100 Black Men of Central Virginia.
Other	Department of Social Services, Region Ten, Creciendo Juntos, Legal Aid, Adult Protective Services, Anchor Team

Monthly Data: Chronic Absenteeism

School	2024	2025	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May
chronic days =			2+	4+	6+	7+	8+	11+	12+	14+	16+	18
Greenbrier	7.9	6.8	6.7	7.1	5.7	5.0						
Jackson Via	26.3	19.5	11.0	12.2	13.0	13.3						
Summit	21.5	14.5	10.7	10.1	8.0	8.7						
Sunrise	9.6	9.2	15.4	8.0	4.8	5.9						
Tall Oaks	23.5	15.3	7.9	11.0	11.1	11.6						
Trailblazer	14.1	14.2	11.6	11.0	10.4	11.6						
Walker	21.2	15.9	10.7	10.6	8.7	11.0						
CMS	24.8	23.9	19.5	22.1	23.2	26.5						
CHS	39.2	31.8	22.4	24.3	26.3	28.7						
Division	26.1	21.4	19.2	16.6	16.9	18.8						