



4 reasons why attendance matters in Sierra Unified School District!

Every day truly matters, for every student, at Sierra Unified School District. We are committed to being your partner to ensure your child's success. Let's make sure your child is not chronically absent. Together, we are stronger!

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Kindergarten Attendance



1 in every 5 kindergarteners is **chronically absent** in Sierra Unified

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3rd Grade Reading Scores

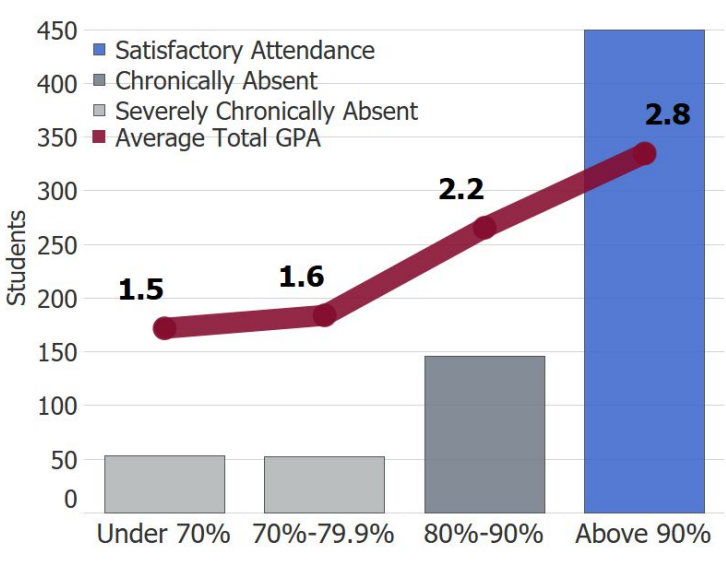
The percent of students reading on grade level by the end of third grade with satisfactory attendance was



HIGHER than the severely chronically absent students.

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7-12th Grade Average GPAs



Students had an average GPA of more than 1.0 **LOWER** if they were severely chronically absent

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Graduation Rates



Students who were chronically absent were **LESS LIKELY** to receive a high school diploma

*Data is based on the 2021-22 school year for Sierra Unified School District

RESEARCH: High levels of absenteeism in kindergarten lead to lower literacy rates by the end of third grade. Experts tell us a child's ability to read at grade level by third grade is the single greatest predictor of future success, because this is when they transition from learning to read to reading to learn. Students who struggle with this basic skill have a much harder time making the grades to be able to graduate by the time they get to high school. This, in turn, makes finding gainful employment exceedingly more difficult. By helping children to reach this goal of satisfactory attendance starting in kindergarten, we are helping to put them on the path to lifelong success!
(Ball State University)