

AASD Attendance 2024-2025
Presented to the Safety & Licensing Committee
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CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM DATA

Missing 10% or more of total school days, including both excused and unexcused absences. Missing 10% of eligible school days (18 days for the full school year).

	2018-2019	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
4K/Elementary	8.6%	27.4%	14.0%	14.1%	13.6%
Middle	10.3%	25.1%	17.6%	19.4%	18.7%
High School	15.2%	33.9%	25.5%	23.7%	29.1%



HIGH SCHOOL CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM

(excused & unexcused absences)	% of students	# of students
18+ days	29.1%	1,269
36+ days	9.3%	404
50+ days	5.5%	240
100+ days	0.9%	39



HABITUAL TRUANCY DATA

Missing all or part of 5 or more school days in a semester without an excuse.

	SEMESTER	2018-2019	2019-2020	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Elementary	SEMESTER 1	4.6%	3.1%	3.0%	3.1%	5.2%	3.0%
Elementary	SEMESTER 2	6.5%	N/A*	3.0%	4.7%	7.2%	6.3%
Middle	SEMESTER 1	12.7%	9.6%	14.8%	10.7%	13.3%	8.6%
Middle	SEMESTER 2	14.1%	N/A*	11.6%	16.2%	19.0%	14.7%
High School	SEMESTER 1	34.0%	27.1%	30.5%	30.5%	34.5%	25.3%
High School	SEMESTER 2	36.0%	N/A*	26.9%	35.5%	43.8%	33.8%

Note: 866 high school students were both chronically absent and habitually truant.

Appleton Area School District
Recommendations for attendance dispositions

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The State of Wisconsin - 118.163 Municipal Truancy Ordinances reads “A county, city, village or town may enact an ordinance prohibiting a person under 18 years of age from being a habitual truant. The ordinance shall provide which of the following dispositions are available to the court:”

1. An order for the person to attend school.
2. An order for the person to participate in counseling or a supervised work program or other community service work as described in s. [938.34 \(5g\)](#).
3. An order for the person to attend an educational program as described in s. [938.34 \(7d\)](#).
4. A forfeiture of not more than \$500 plus costs, subject to s. [938.37](#). All or part of the forfeiture plus costs may be assessed against the person, the parents or guardian of the person, or both. **(The AASD recommends a forfeiture of \$250 plus costs)**
5. An order placing the person under formal or informal supervision, as described in s. [938.34 \(2\)](#), for up to one year.
6. An order for the department of workforce development to revoke, under s. [103.72](#), a permit under s. [103.70](#) authorizing the employment of the person.
7. Suspension of the person's operating privilege for not less than 30 days nor more than one year. The court may take possession of any suspended license. If the court takes possession of a license, it shall destroy the license. The court shall forward to the Department of Transportation a notice stating the reason for and the duration of the suspension.

The following dispositions would not be recommended:

8. An order for the person to be placed in a teen court program as described in s. [938.342 \(1g\) \(f\)](#). **(Outagamie County does not have a teen court program)**
9. An order for the person's parent, guardian or legal custodian to participate in counseling at the parent's, guardian's or legal custodian's own expense or to attend school with the person, or both.
10. An order for the person to remain at home except during hours in which the person is attending religious worship or a school program, including travel time required to get to and from the school program or place of worship. The order may permit a person to leave his or her home if the person is accompanied by a parent or guardian.
11. Any other reasonable conditions consistent with this subsection, including a curfew, restrictions as to going to or remaining on specified premises and restrictions on associating with other children or adults.
12. An order for the person to report to a youth report center after school, in the evening, on weekends, on other non-school days, or at any other time that the person is not under immediate adult supervision, for participation in the social, behavioral, academic, community service, and other programming of the center as described in s. [938.342 \(1g\) \(k\)](#).

Summary of local district's citation data - 2024-25

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Appleton Area School District staff communicated with 12 local school districts regarding the success of their truancy ordinance enforcement.

- Several districts responded that they do not keep data on truancy ordinances.
- Six districts provided their data from the 24-25 school year.
 - A total of 167 students received a citation for habitual truancy.
 - 70 of the 167 students improved their attendance
- Citations ranged from \$165 to \$500
- Several districts reported that the best outcome was for students who changed their behavior due to the possibility of receiving a citation.

(DRAFT) PROCEDURAL CHECKLIST FOR CONSIDERATION OF TRUANCY CITATION

STUDENT NAME:

SCHOOL:

GRADE:

ATTEMPTED STUDENT/FAMILY CONTACTS:

METHOD	DATES	PERSON CONTACTED	RESULT
PHONE CALLS			
TEXT MESSAGES			
EMAILS			
LETTERS (MAIL)			
MEETINGS			
HOME VISITS			
OTHER:			

INTERVENTION OPTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN OFFERED/ATTEMPTED/TRIED:

- ☐ Incentive plan
- ☐ TRAC
- ☐ STAR or Student Success support
- ☐ Check & Connect
- ☐ Alternative education supports
- ☐ School-based mental health referral
- ☐ Alternative schedule / shortened school day
- ☐ County truancy referral

RESULTS:

CREDITS EARNED TO DATE:

HOW MANY CREDITS COULD HAVE BEEN EARNED (3 per semester):

CURRENT GRADES:

CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM PERCENTAGE:

NUMBER OF DAYS HABITUALLY TRUANT: