

Education Outcomes Brief: Attendance by Grade Band

THE QUESTION

Which grade bands need attendance outreach first, and where is the three-year trend heading?

METHOD

Enrollment and chronic-absenteeism records tracked across three school years and compared across grade bands, with each band trended separately so outreach can be prioritized by need rather than by averages.

RESULTS — SYNTHETIC DATA

GRADE BAND	2022	2023	2024	TREND
Grades K-2	12%	11%	10%	Improving
Grades 3-5	14%	16%	17%	Worsening
Grades 6-8	18%	17%	16%	Improving

FINDING

Middle grades show the highest absenteeism but are improving. Upper elementary attendance is worsening each year, so the brief recommends outreach there first, before the gap widens further.

WHAT YOU RECEIVE

A one-page evaluation summary for staff and funders: trend table, prioritized recommendation, and a short note on what the data cannot yet answer.