



Strategic Goal 3:

TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND SECURE
ENVIRONMENT FOR STUDENTS AND
EMPLOYEES

Objective A:

Truancy

Report Date:

March 2, 2011

Truancy

Any child subject to compulsory attendance who during the school calendar year has more than five (5) days of unexcused absences is considered truant.

Per policy JBA, the following are excused absences: personal illness, serious illness or death of a student's immediate family member, observance of religious holidays, active duty military family leave, orders of governmental agencies, conditions rendering attendance impossible or hazardous to student health or safety, or participation in approved school activities.

An absence for any reason other than one defined above, would be considered unexcused.

Compulsory attendance applies to a child between their sixth and sixteenth birthday.

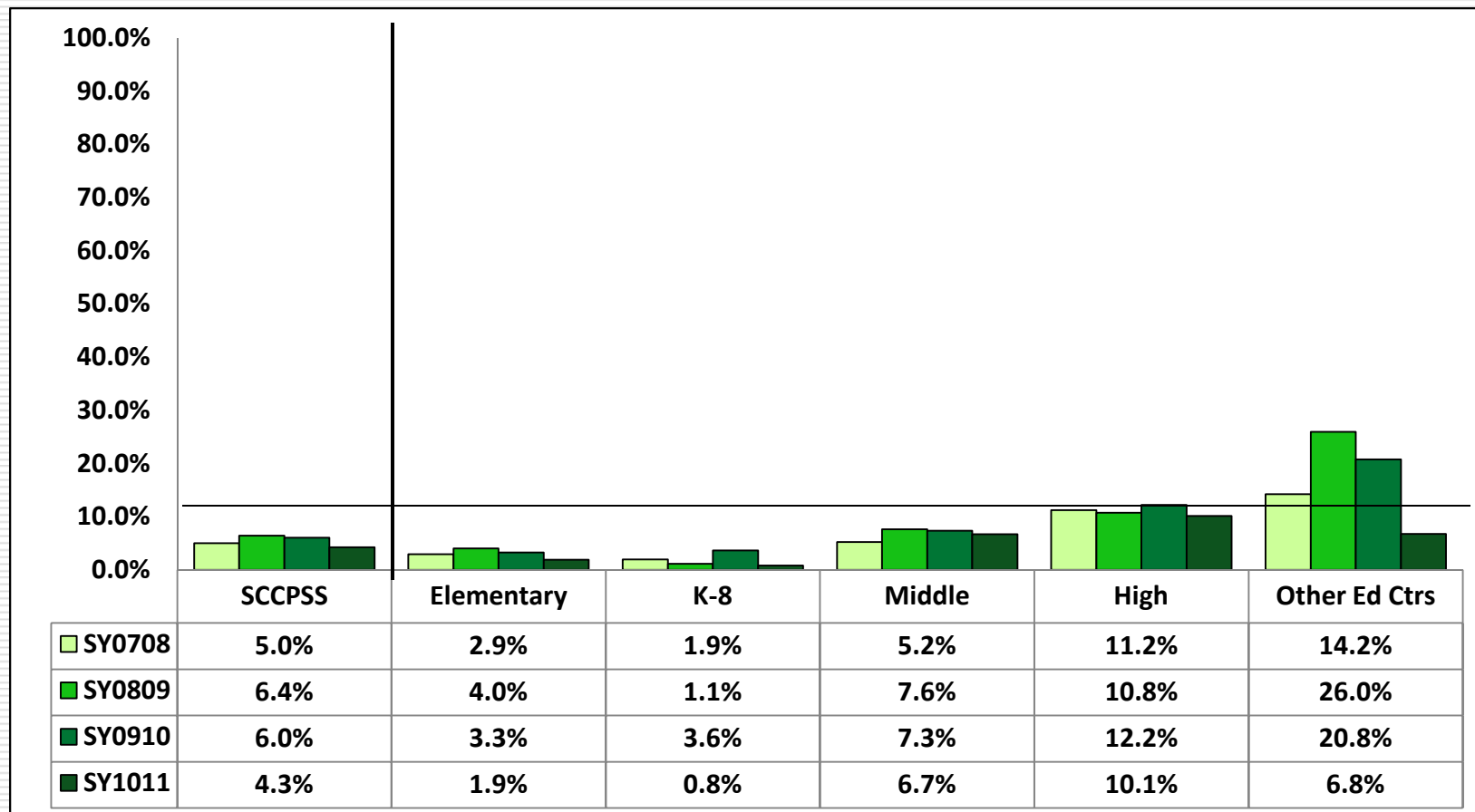
Objective, Baseline & Target

Objective: To improve attendance of all compulsory age students.

Baseline: SY 2007-2008: 18.4 percent of compulsory attendance age students were truant.

Target: By 2012, the truancy rate will be less than 12.1 percent of compulsory attendance age students.

Percentage of Truancy by Level



— 2012 Target

(Other Ed Centers include Coastal Academy, Scott, Corporate Academy, and Early College)

Truancy Counts by School

Elementary Schools							
School	Enrollment*	Student Count**	Percent	School	Enrollment*	Student Count**	Percent
Bartow	699	27	3.9%	Low	499	14	2.8%
Bloomingtondale	416	4	1.0%	Marshpoint	778	1	0.1%
Butler	567	0	0.0%	Pooler	390	12	3.1%
CEMCO	99	9	9.1%	Pt. Wentworth	448	2	0.4%
Gadsden	529	8	1.5%	Pulaski	486	4	0.8%
Garden City	587	41	7.0%	Shuman	630	12	1.9%
Gould	763	16	2.1%	Southwest	716	4	0.6%
Haven	409	10	2.4%	Spencer	445	0	0.0%
Heard	456	7	1.5%	Thunderbolt	329	2	0.6%
Hodge	367	11	3.0%	West Chatham	684	8	1.2%
Howard	682	7	1.0%	White Bluff	581	14	2.4%
J. G. Smith	324	1	0.3%	Windsor Forest	529	7	1.3%
Largo-Tibet	599	11	1.8%				

*Enrollment is compulsory age enrollment, not total student enrollment

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Truancy Counts by School

K-8Schools			
School	Enrollment*	Student Count**	Percent
East Broad	578	29	5.0%
Ellis	465	5	1.1%
Garrison	634	0	0.0%
Georgetown	516	2	0.4%
Godley Station	1193	2	0.2%
Hesse	762	1	0.1%
Isle of Hope	574	0	0.0%

Middle Schools			
School	Enrollment*	Student Count**	Percent
Bartlett	987	88	8.9%
Coastal	751	37	4.9%
DeRenne	770	101	13.1%
Hubert	649	36	5.5%
Mercer	731	61	8.3%
Myers	633	17	2.7%
Oglethorpe	424	3	0.7%
Southwest	757	48	6.3%
West Chatham	1113	55	4.9%

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Truancy Counts by School

High Schools			
School	Enrollment*	Student Count**	Percent
Beach	384	66	17.2%
Gateway to College	***	***	0.0%
Groves	547	85	15.5%
Islands	290	27	9.3%
Jenkins	503	20	4.0%
Johnson	425	46	10.8%
Savannah Arts	347	13	3.7%
School of Law/Criminal Justice	92	5	5.4%
School of Liberal Studies	222	45	20.3%
Windsor Forest	570	31	5.4%

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Truancy Counts by School

Other Education Centers			
School	Enrollment*	Student Count**	Percent
Coastal Academy	152	28	18.4%
Corporate Academy	***	***	0.0%
Early College	109	4	3.7%
Scott L. C.	316	69	21.8%

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Truancy Counts by Subgroup

Gender Subgroup	Enrollment*	Student Truancy Count	Percent
Male	14,434	639	4.4%
Female	14,075	573	4.1%
Total	28,509	1,212	4.3%
Race Subgroup	Enrollment*	Student Truancy Count	Percent
Asian	565	6	1.1%
Black	16,444	796	4.8%
Hispanic	1,484	40	2.7%
American Indian	59	1	1.7%
Multi-Racial	2,148	92	4.3%
Pacific Islander	31	2	6.5%
White	7,778	275	3.5%
Total	28,509	1,212	4.3%

District level report - unduplicated count

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Action Items

- ❑ Involve students and parents in weekly attendance meetings.
- ❑ Continue to conduct meetings twice a year with the judicial staff to review our protocols and facilitate compliance.
- ❑ Receive assistance from the DA's office to ensure compliance with the compulsory attendance law.
- ❑ Staff from the DA's office will attend meetings as needed at the schools.
- ❑ School social workers will continue to make home visits and appropriate social service referrals.

Story Behind the Numbers

After careful review of our truancy data, we have made some changes. These changes include:

- ❑ Training of our Information Specialist who enter the data in Power School.
- ❑ Training all staff on the new truancy reduction protocol.
- ❑ Educating all stakeholders (internal and external, to include students and parents) about the compulsory attendance law.

These changes have helped reduce our truancy rate.

Questions?

**DISTRICT
ACCOUNTABILITY
SYSTEM**



Truancy Criteria

The reporting criteria for truancy counts students that

- Are age 6 to 15 as of September 1st
- Are active or inactive (to cover transferred students)
- Have 6 or more unexcused absences

Report is on Semester 1 of SY2010-11