

## **Strategic Goal 3:**

TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND SECURE  
ENVIRONMENT FOR STUDENTS AND  
EMPLOYEES

### **Objective A:**

Truancy

**Report Date:**

September 11, 2013

# Truancy

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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.

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# Objective, Baseline & Target

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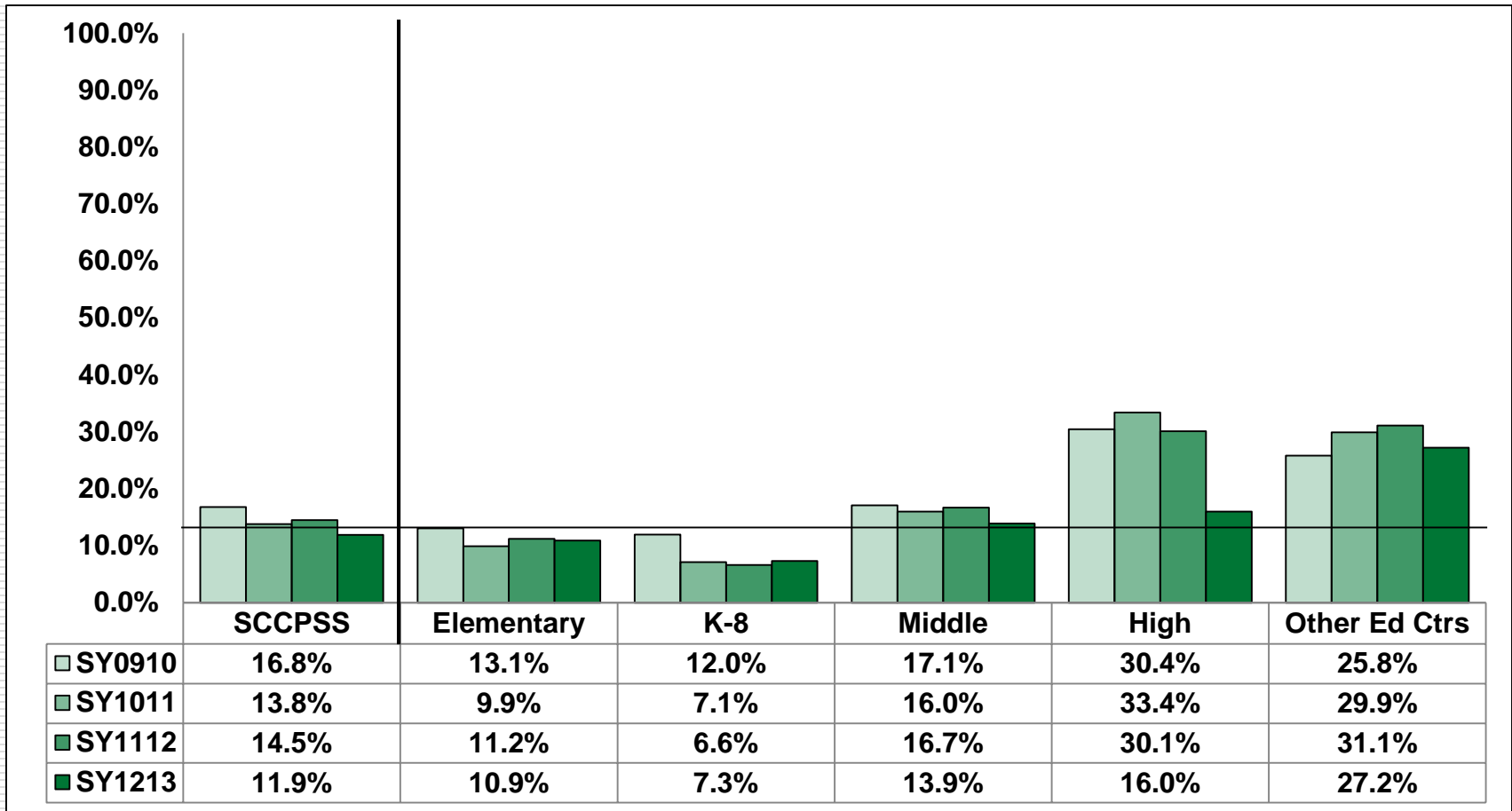
**Objective:** To improve attendance of all compulsory age students.

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

**Target:** By SY 2014, truancy rate will be less than 12 percent of compulsory attendance age students.

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# Percentage of Truancy by Level



— 2014 Target

(Other Ed Centers include Coastal Academy, Scott (SY0910-SY1112), Ombudsman (SY1213), Corporate Academy, and Early College)

# Truancy by Level

Levels	2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-2012		2012-2013	
	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**
Elementary	1849	13.1%	1341	9.9%	1561	11.2%	1406	10.9%
K-8	187	12.0%	344	7.1%	358	6.6%	397	7.3%
Middle	1316	17.1%	1139	16.0%	1161	16.7%	878	13.9%
High	1115	30.4%	1204	33.4%	1052	30.1%	559	16.0%
Other Ed Centers	199	25.8%	318	29.9%	261	31.1%	154	27.2%

\*Count refers to compulsory age and is unique to each level, may be duplicated among levels, and takes into account active and inactive students.

\*\*Pct. is based on the school year enrollment of students between the ages of 6 and 16 years of age.

# Truancy Counts by Subgroup

Gender	2011-2012		2012-2013	
	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**
Male	2305	14.8%	1744	12.1%
Female	2145	14.3%	1669	11.7%


Ethnicity	2011-2012		2012-2013	
	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**
Asian	36	6.3%	30	5.3%
Black	2703	15.1%	2094	13.0%
Hispanic	225	13.9%	186	11.1%
Native American				
Multi-Racial	269	14.0%	194	10.7%
Pacific Islander				
White	1205	14.1%	898	10.7%

Other Subgroups	2011-2012		2012-2013	
	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**
English Language Learners	89	10.7%	83	9.4%
Students with Disabilities	536	19.0%	417	16.3%
Economically Disadvantaged	3434	16.8%	2726	14.4%

\*Count refers to compulsory age and takes into account active and inactive students.

\*\*Pct. is based on subgroup enrollment of students between the ages of 6 and 16 years of age

 < 10 students

# Action Items

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- The Director of Student Affairs in collaboration with the school social workers will work with the juvenile and state court to increase the number of truancy complaints filed in court.
- The Director of Student Affairs in collaboration with the school social workers will share more information relative to truancy laws with internal and external stakeholders via community presentations and outreach efforts.
- The Director of Student Affairs in collaboration with the school social workers will have more proactive involvement with juvenile and state court to review truancy data via monthly meetings and established communication.

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- The School Social Workers will have weekly meetings with the school administration and other designated staff to review truancy data and work proactively with parents.
- The School Social Workers and school resource officers will conduct 4 truancy sweeps per school year; additionally, the team will make routine joint visits to the homes of students with attendance issues.
- The Director of Student Affairs and the school social workers will promote/host a community campaign to highlight Attendance Awareness Month.



# Questions?

DISTRICT

ACCOUNTABILITY

SYSTEM

# Truancy Criteria

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The reporting criteria for truancy counts students that

- Are between the ages of 6 and 16 years of age (as of September 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Are active or inactive (to cover transferred students)
- Have 6 or more unexcused absences

School level counts are unique to each level, but may be duplicated among levels.

District level counts are unduplicated.