

# Student Attendance and Engagement

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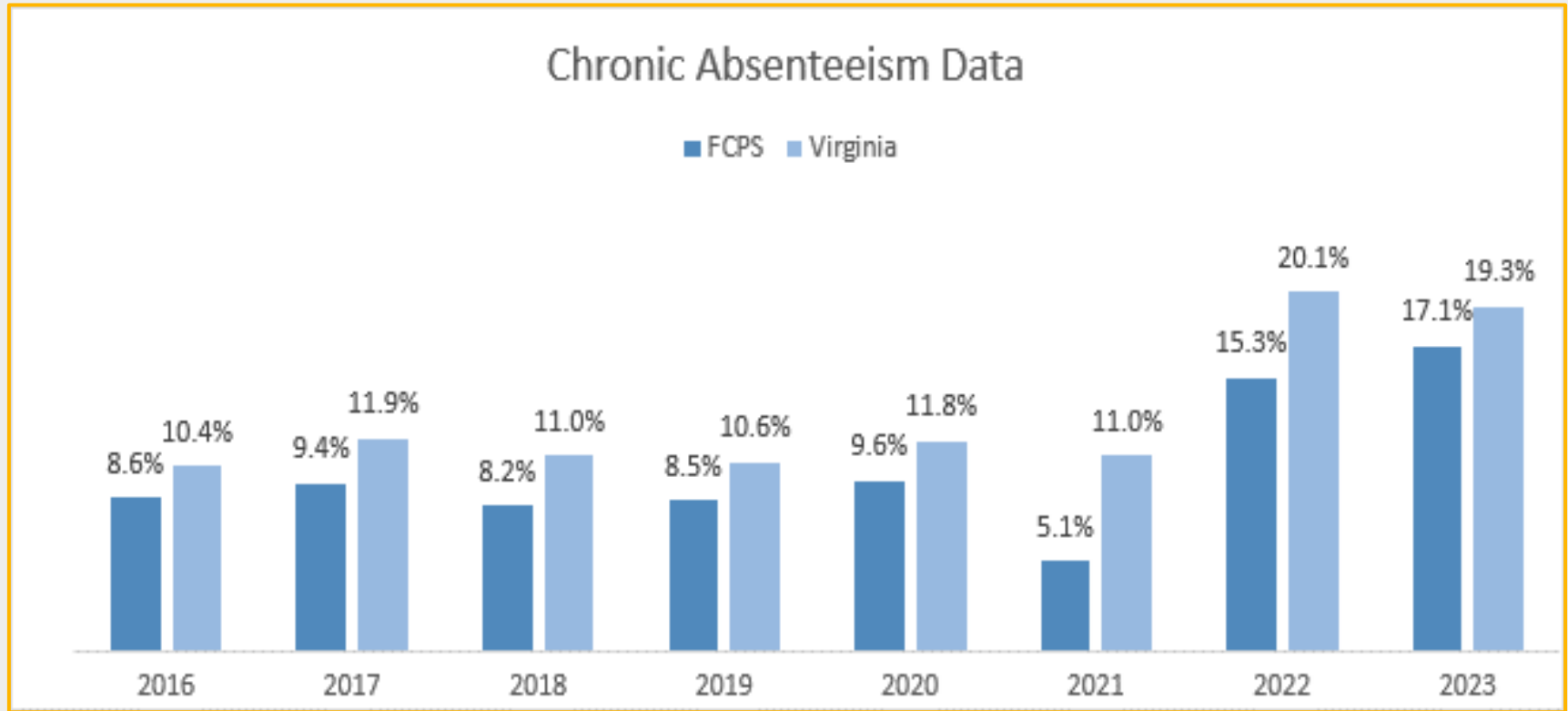
## What is chronic absenteeism?

Chronic absenteeism is defined as **missing 10 percent or more of school for any reason.**



Chronic absence is different from **truancy** (unexcused absences only) or **average daily attendance** (how many students show up to school each day).

# Chronic Absenteeism Data



# Attendance Matters

- Missing just 10% of school negatively affects a student's academic performance. That is just two days a month.
- Only 17 percent of students who were chronically absent in both kindergarten and first grade were reading proficiently in third grade, compared to 64 percent of those with good attendance.
- Students who fail to read at grade level by the end of third grade are four times more likely than students who achieve proficiency to drop out of high school.
- By 6th grade, chronic absenteeism becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.





## Multi-tiered System of Support for Attendance

Tier 3  
Intensive  
Intervention

Students Missing 20% or More  
Interagency Case Management  
Individualized Learning & Success Plan

Tier 2  
Early Intervention

Students Missing 10% - 19%  
Student Success Plan  
Check-In/Check-out (CICO)

Tier 1  
Universal Prevention

Recognize Good & Improved Attendance  
Connection to Caring Adult at School

Foundational Supports  
Which Promote Positive Conditions for Learning

All Students and Families

# How Can Families Support Student Attendance?

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up.
- Monitor your child's academic progress and seek help from teachers when necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Encourage your teen to join meaningful after-school activities, including sports and clubs.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to their teacher, school counselor, and other parents for guidance and support.





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