

# Chronically Absent Students

- Kentucky's definition of chronic absenteeism is based on full-time equivalency (FTE) attendance. Defined as when student is present 90% or less of instructional time (FTE). A student is chronically absent from school when the student has missed 10 percent or more of instructional time (approximately 17 days of school).
- Comparison below shows the number of chronically absent students prior to the Pandemic compared to last school year:
- 2018-19 School Year:
  - 671,095 total students enrolled
  - 119,581 chronically absent
  - 17.8% ( $\% = 119,581/671,095 \times 100$ )
- 2022-23 School Year
  - 665,962 total students enrolled
  - 198,524 chronically absent
  - 29.8% ( $\% = 198,524/665,962 \times 100$ )

Source:  
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