

The background of the slide is a composite image. The top left shows a line of yellow school buses with "SCHOOL BUS" written on the front. The bottom left shows a classroom with blue walls, desks, chairs, and colorful balloons. A large white diagonal shape cuts across the image from the top left to the bottom right, serving as a background for the text.

Efficiency Task Force Statewide Attendance and Membership Data Trends

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Introduction

- The Division of District Support collects numerous data points, including membership and attendance data, for the Office of Finance and Operations
- Data is collected via a reporting system but originates from each district's local Student Information System (Infinite Campus)
- Collected data is used within the SEEK funding formula for the calculation of state funding
- During the COVID pandemic, funding formulas were frozen therefore there are gaps in some data

Membership vs. Enrollment

- Why are we looking at Membership rather than Enrollment or Adjusted Average Daily Attendance (AADA)?
 - Enrollment may duplicate students due to students transferring schools during the year
 - AADA is attendance based and may not reflect actual “bodies” in the room and is impacted by adjustments for virtual/performance and attendance events
 - Membership provides a snapshot of “members” which is every student at one location
- Unavailable or incomplete data KDE does not have:
 - Truancy: District tracked/managed
 - Homeschool: District tracked/managed. Also, requires participation of homeschool(s)
 - Private school: Enrollment reported to district

Truancy and Non-Public School Students

- Truancy
 - Truancy charges are filed only at the district level
 - Districts do not report data on truancy charges to KDE
 - While the truancy laws are consistent statewide, local judges process truancy at different thresholds
 - [KRS 159.150](#) defines truant and habitual truant
 - KDE can pull data on students with 3 unexcused events (truant) or 6 unexcused events (habitual truant) but this data alone does not indicate that the district has filed charges
- Non-Public School Students
 - Homeschool students are reported to the district-level and not tracked in the student information system
 - Private school students are not tracked in the student information system

Membership Trends

District Name	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	% Change
Jefferson County	94,399	93,418	93,658	94,413	95,076	94,466	95,005	96,779	96,595	-2.27%
Other Districts	542,028	540,645	537,456	543,312	552,786	551,931	553,140	559,332	558,513	-2.95%
Statewide	636,427	634,063	631,114	637,725	647,862	646,397	648,145	656,111	655,108	-2.85%

- Due to the pandemic, membership for 2020, 2021 and 2022 was validated via School Report Card and was not processed using the Superintendent’s Annual Attendance Report
- Loss of Membership statewide

Attendance Rates

District Name	2024	2023	2022-2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	% Change
Jefferson County	89.7	89.7	No data	93.2	93.2	93.6	93.5	-4.06%
Fayette County	92.4	91.9	No data	94.2	94.3	94.5	94.6	-2.32%
Boone County	94.5	94.2	No data	95.5	95.7	95.8	96.0	-1.56%
Statewide	94.9	91.9	No data	94.2	94.2	94.4	94.5	0.42%

- Attendance Rates are impacted by adjustments
 - NTI days, low attendance days, weather days, etc.
- Dramatic decrease after COVID (2020-2022)

JCPS Non-Resident Students – HB 563 (2023)

- JCPS nonresident policy is limited to independent districts within Jefferson County and children of district employees
- JCPS had 34 students from Anchorage Independent district enrolled in their district
- JCPS had 669 of their resident students enrolled in other districts
 - The districts with the largest number of JCPS resident students:
 - Cloverport Independent – 322
 - Bullitt County – 98
 - Shelby County – 61
 - Oldham County - 55

Chronic Absenteeism

District Name	2023	2022-2020	2019	2018	% Change
Jefferson County	38.27	No data	22.75	22.48	70.24%
Fayette County	29.52	No data	17.45	16.72	76.56%
Boone County	17.21	No data	10.08	9.95	72.97%
Statewide	29.52	No data	17.66	17.63	67.44%

- Kentucky definition created in 2018
- A student who misses 10% or more of scheduled time
 - Each minute of the day counts
- Data for 2024 has not been released/verified via School Report Card

2023 Chronic Absenteeism Rates

- Statewide ranking– Jefferson County is 133rd
 - 78 districts with over 30% CA rate
- There were 13 districts with over 50% of their students chronically absent
 - Highest district at 61.25%
- Lowest districts are small in size

District Name	Lowest % CA
Anchorage Independent	4.19
Fort Thomas Independent	6.47
Beechwood Independent	9.88
Murray Independent	12.27
Hickman County	12.68

Questions?