

ATTENDANCE RESOURCE TOOLKIT



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ATTENDANCE RESOURCE TOOLKIT

A community resource to support
student attendance across Georgia



FOUR PILLAR FRAMEWORK

ACCESS

All children and their families have access to, and support for, healthy development, emotional well-being, and educational achievement.

POSITIVE LEARNING CLIMATE

All children feel safe and nurtured, from the early years through the early grades, so they can learn and grow — both emotionally and academically.

LANGUAGE NUTRITION

All children experience abundant, positive, language-rich social interactions with caregivers, educators, and peers.

TEACHER PREPARATION & EFFECTIVENESS

All caregivers and educators are equipped with evidence-informed skills to effectively engage all children through developmentally responsive practice.



Attendance is key to student success.

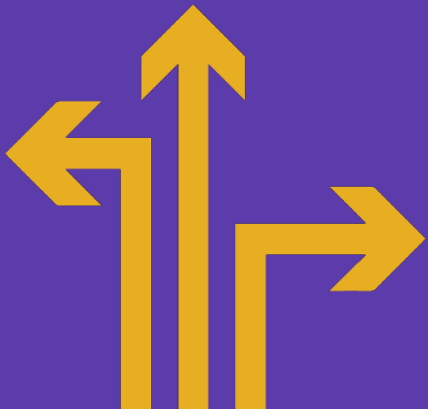
When students miss school, they miss connections, instruction, and momentum. Even a few absences can cause them to fall behind and struggle to catch up. This toolkit is designed to assist partners across Georgia to improve student attendance and help pave the way to improved outcomes throughout school and life.

You'll Find:

- Effective practices by sector
- Shareable resources
- Related data and policies



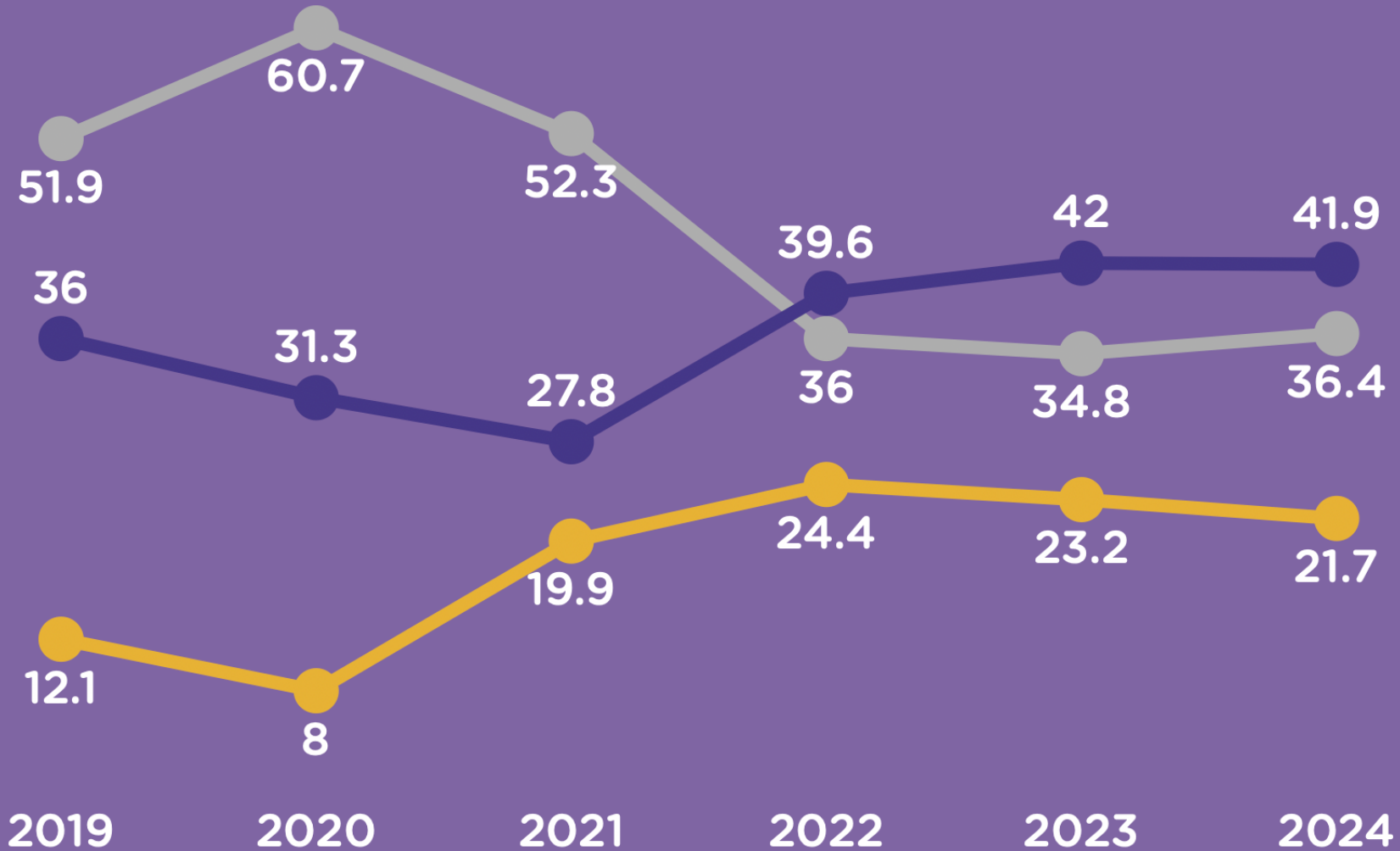
Statewide, a **5 percent** decrease in the number of students absent more than 15 days would result in a **7.3 percent** increase in third-grade literacy.



Percent of Students Absent

2019 - 2024

- 0 - 5 Days
- 6 - 15 Days
- More than 15 Days



This toolkit
includes
recommendations
and ready-to-use
resources for:



PARENTS
AND CAREGIVERS



EDUCATORS AND
SCHOOL LEADERS



COMMUNITY
LEADERS



HEALTHCARE
PROVIDERS



COMMUNITY
ORGANIZATIONS



ELECTED
OFFICIALS

STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVING ATTENDANCE



MEANINGFULLY ENGAGE FAMILIES

through consistent outreach and clear communication



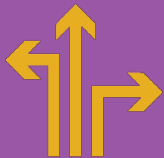
CREATE POSITIVE LEARNING CLIMATES

that foster a sense of belonging and connection



PROVIDE PERSONALIZED SUPPORT

for students with healthcare needs



REMOVE BARRIERS

to attendance (e.g., transportation, housing, food access)

TOOLS FOR EVERYONE



ATTENDANCE WORKS
TOOLKITS

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ALL IN FOR ATTENDANCE:
CHRONIC ABSENCE REPORT

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For Parents + Caregivers

Key Actions:

- Set consistent routines and bedtime schedules
- Communicate often with teachers
- Know your school's attendance policies
- Ask for help if you're facing barriers
- Keep track of days missed and talk with your child about why attendance matters

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Resource Highlights



PARENT TOOLKIT
ATTENDANCE WORKS

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PARENT MENTOR
PARTNERSHIP

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For Educators + School Leaders

Key Actions:

- Examine attendance data early and often to prevent absenteeism
- Foster student engagement through developmentally responsive teaching practices
- Pair students facing attendance challenges with a caring adult
- Build strong school-family relationships

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LEAP HOME VISIT
MODEL

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4 EVIDENCE-BASED
ATTENDANCE INTERVENTIONS

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For Community Partners

Key Actions:

- Offer mentoring and afterschool programs
- Host health fairs and parent workshops
- Help families navigate food, housing, and mental health resources
- Promote attendance through local media
- Build trusted relationships through wraparound staff and mentors

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ATTENDANCE
PLAYBOOK

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SCHOOLHOUSE
CONNECTION

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For Healthcare Providers

Key Actions:

- Provide early detection and care for vision, hearing, nutrition, and chronic conditions
- Coordinate with schools to address health barriers to learning and attendance
- Educate families on the link between health and learning
- Expand access to address health and mental health needs

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CARE
PLAYBOOK

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TELEHEALTH

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For Elected Officials

Key Actions:

- Convene Student Attendance and School Climate Committees
- Champion policies that support school attendance
- Support funding for wraparound and housing services

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NLC MAYORS GUIDE
TO ATTENDANCE

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SCHOOL CLIMATE
COMMITTEE RESOURCES

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POLICY SPOTLIGHT

SB123 (2025)

STUDENT ATTENDANCE AND SCHOOL CLIMATE

- Requires creation of Student Attendance and School Climate Committees for each county
- Creates a framework for courts, schools, law enforcement, public health, and others to develop partnerships to address student attendance and school climate

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HB740 (2018)

REDUCES PUBLIC PRESCHOOL - 3RD GRADE SUSPENSIONS

- Requires providing a multi-tiered system of supports for public preschool – 3rd grade students prior to or in place of suspension
- Promotes early detection of risk factors to provide necessary supports

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GEORGIA INSIGHTS ATTENDANCE DASHBOARD

This interactive dashboard from the Georgia Department of Education (GADOE) provides publicly available data on student attendance across the state.

Key Features:

- View attendance trends by district, school, grade, and student subgroup
- Compare local data to state averages
- Identify disparities and track progress over time
- Support data-informed decisions for outreach, mentoring, and statewide wraparound services



GADOE ATTENDANCE
DASHBOARD

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TIPS FOR USING THIS TOOLKIT

Identify opportunities to strengthen local attendance and school climate efforts

Shape family outreach and engagement strategies based on what the data shows

Explore trends by grade, school, and student group, to spot areas that need care

Use insights to build stronger partnerships with local organizations

WANT MORE SUPPORT?

Reach out to Get Georgia Reading for more resources or partner engagement ideas.

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THE PATH TO READING PROFICIENCY BY THE END OF THIRD GRADE

WITH THE ABILITY TO READ, OUR KIDS CAN LEARN ANYTHING.



READING PROFICIENCY

Our kids communicate thoughts and feelings through body language, gestures, vocalizations, symbols, and words.



SUMMER LEARNING

123 ENGAGING CLASSROOMS

ABC SCHOOLS READY TO SUPPORT STUDENTS



QUALITY CHILD CARE, HEALTH CARE, & NUTRITION

ABC USE OF LANGUAGE FOR EMOTIONAL REGULATION



CONSTANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL ENGAGEMENT



CRITICAL BRAIN DEVELOPMENT & THE FOUNDATION FOR LANGUAGE & LITERACY



EARLY, FREQUENT, & NURTURING INTERACTIONS WITH CAREGIVERS & EDUCATORS

Our kids are able to see and hear clearly and eat healthy food.

Our kids communicate to seek comfort, make requests, solve problems, and regulate emotions.

Our kids communicate to share emotion and describe others' emotions.

Our kids experience a positive learning climate.

Our kids love listening to and reading stories every day.

Our kids have safe and trusting relationships.

LET'S HELP OUR KIDS LEARN TO READ BY THIRD GRADE.



BIRTH

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8+ YEARS

Let's improve attendance together.

Use this toolkit.
Connect with partners.
Take action today.



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