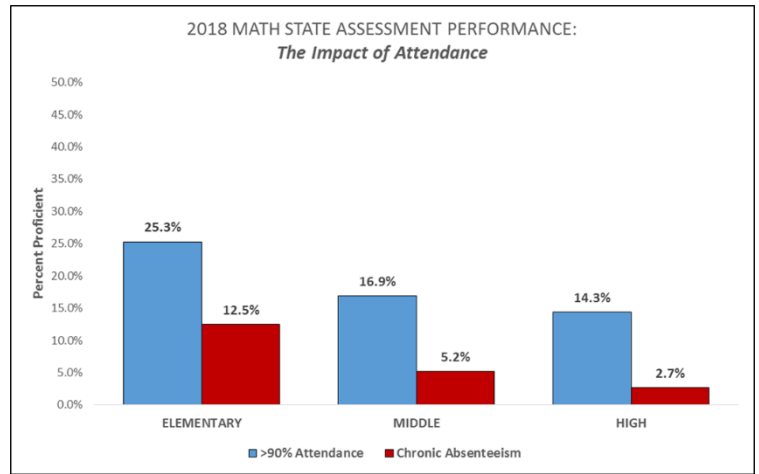
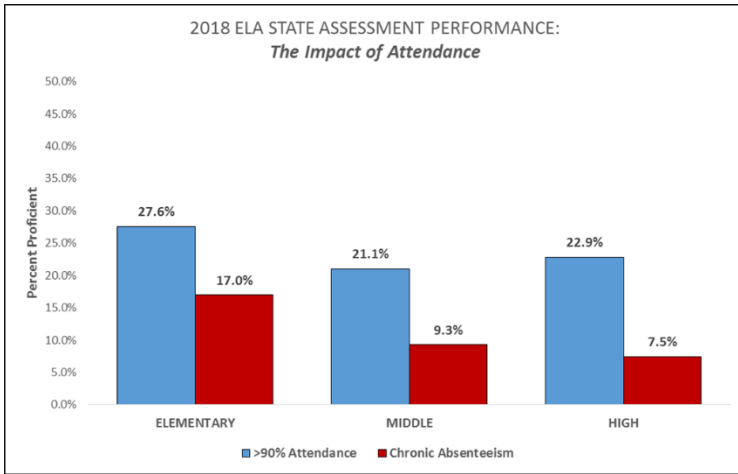


Elementary Attendance Procedure

A child's attendance has a great impact on his or her learning. The graphs below show the relationship between attendance and student academic performance in Wichita Public Schools. Students who fall behind in classes often become discouraged. Even high performing students begin to fall behind when school is not attended regularly.



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Good Attendance = Less than 5% of school days missed throughout the school year (8 or fewer days)

Fair Attendance = 5%-10% of school days missed throughout the school year (8.5-16.5 days)

Poor Attendance = 10% or more school days missed throughout the school year - i.e. chronically absent (17+ days)

Your child's education along with the habits and attitudes they form around arriving on time and ready to work are of great importance to USD 259 and employers in our community.

In elementary schools, academic instruction begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. in the Wichita Public Schools. **Students that are not in school from 9:00 a.m. to 4:10 p.m. will have their attendance record marked as follows:**

- Students arriving after 9:00 a.m. and before 10:30 will be marked **TARDY**.
- Students arriving to school between 10:30 a.m. and the start of the school's lunch period or leaving at the start of the school's lunch period to 2:40 p.m. will be marked as a ½ day absence for the morning or afternoon.
- Students leaving school after 2:30 p.m. will be marked as **EARLY OUT**.

