

POWERFUL DATA TOOLS FOR CALIFORNIA!



Used in combination or as separate modules, the California versions of the District and School Chronic Absence Tracking Tools make tracking chronic absence a snap. In addition, the new California Truancy Supplement offers insights into the relationship between chronic absence, suspension and truancy (as defined by California law).

- **Elementary (TK-5) California District and School Attendance Tracking Tools**
- **Middle School (grades 6-8) California District and School Attendance Tracking Tools**
- **High School (grades 9-12) California District and School Attendance Tracking Tools**
- **Tool to Combine TK-12 Chronic Absence Reports**
- **California Truancy Supplements (for grades TK-5, 6-8, 9-12 and TK-12 combined)**

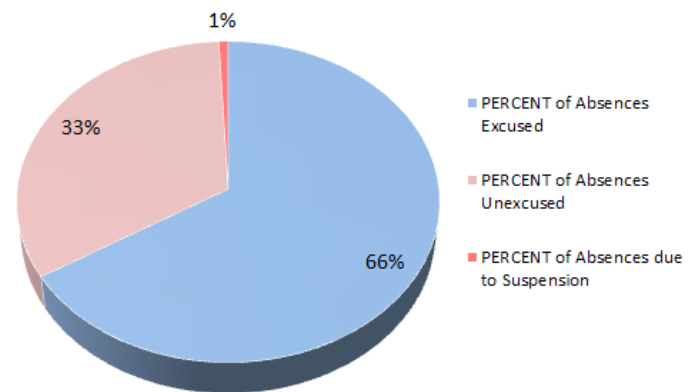
Why do districts and communities need these tools? The tools can:

- Provide a quick snapshot of chronic absence in your district and schools
- Provide baseline chronic absence levels – a key accountability measure for Local Control Accountability Plans (LCAP)
- Save you and your staff time, money and aggravation
- Provide insight into the impact of Suspensions on attendance
- Help districts ensure that families of chronically absent students receive written notices of truancy or excessive absences
- Generate lists of individual students who have attendance problems for monitoring and intervention

What can the CalDATs and CalSATs do for you? The tools can:

- Auto-calculate chronic absence rates
- Generate tables and charts that display district- and school-level trends in attendance using chronic absence
- Allow users to quickly assess whether poor attendance is a problem
- Allow users to see how attendance patterns change over time
- Detect patterns of chronic absence in the following categories:
 - » By Grade (for Most Recent School Year)
 - » By Grade Over Time (for 3 years)
 - » By School (CalDATs only)
 - » By Race/Ethnicity
 - » By Gender
 - » By Race/Ethnicity and Gender
 - » By Race/Ethnicity and Grade
 - » By Special Needs status
 - » By English Learner status
 - » By Free and Reduced Price Lunch Status
 - » By Zip Code
- In addition, the California Truancy Supplements:
 - » Allow users to explore the relationships between chronic absence and truancy
 - » Examine what proportion of absences are excused, unexcused or due to suspensions
 - » Look at which students – chronically absent or not – receive notices of truancy or excessive excused absence letters

Chronically Absent Students



How do these modules fit together?

Along with the 3 modules for elementary, middle and high school, Attendance Works offers the Tool to Combine Chronic Absence Reports – drawing together information from all three modules to create TK-12 reports for district-at-a-glance views.

Basic requirements for using the CalDAT and CalSAT

- Access to the district student information system
- Excel – version 2007 or later
- Fewer than 65,000 students per module

How much do the tools cost?

The CalDAT and CalSAT are available FREE of charge from Attendance Works. In exchange, we ask users to share their summary data with Attendance Works for internal evaluation purposes. District data would only be shared externally with permission or on an anonymous basis.

How do I obtain the CalDAT and CalSAT?

Go to www.attendanceworks.org/tools/tools-for-calculating-chronic-absence.