



CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Talk Tuesdays

Student Attendance, Engagement, and Support Series

January 11, 2022

Please [sign-in](#) using the chat - include your name, title, district/school or agency.

Developed by the CSDE in collaboration with SERC



***Notice: This meeting is
being recorded.***

Introductions

Please share in chat:

- name, position, district and
- Name a practice you like to use to engage children and youth in your school/district



Agenda

1. *Welcome*

Stephen Proffitt, Director for Special Education Programs and Instructional Design, SERC

2. *What's New at CSDE and Partners*

Kari Sullivan Custer, Attendance & Engagement Consultant, CSDE

3. *Pathways to graduation and learning recovery strategies for secondary students with high absence rates.*

Erica Forti, Superintendent of East Haven Public Schools

Vinny DeNuzzo, Principal of East Haven High School

Lisa Veleas, English Language Arts Instruction Leader

4. Upcoming Attendance & Engagement Meetings

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WHAT'S NEW AT CSDE AND PARTNERS



What's New at CSDE


January 6, 2022

- [Amendment to Implementation Guidance For Executive Order 13G: Vaccination Mandate for Individuals Working For State Facilities, State Hospitals, Public and Non-Public Prek–12 Schools, And Child Care Facilities](#)
- [Reporting District/School Closure Due to COVID-19 Pandemic \(Form\)](#)
- Resources for Rigorous Coursework Letters to Students and Parents: [FAQ](#), [webinar recording](#), [sample student and parent letters](#), [technical documentation of underlying methodology](#)

January 3, 2022

- [Test Kit Distribution](#) and [Phase 1 Allocations](#)

December 31, 2021

- [Urgent Update: Remote Learning during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) 
- [Updated Considerations for Quarantine, Isolation, Testing, and Contact Tracing Policies and Procedures in PreK-12 Schools](#)

December 29, 2021

- [Message on behalf of Commissioner Charlene Russell-Tucker](#) 

December 22, 2021

- [Suspended Enforcement of Testing \(Executive Order No. 13G\)](#)

December 16, 2021

- [Streamlining the Annual Certification Compliance Process](#)
- [Updated Requirements for Lunch Periods in the National School Lunch Program \(NSLP\)](#)
- [Children's Behavioral Health Services Resources](#)
- [CT Department of Motor Vehicles Annual Teen Safe Driving Video Contest](#)



Track Data Early and Often...

Now on EdSight

2020-21 Chronic Absence Rates



- State
- District
- School
- Student groups (Els, SWDs, Grade, F/R Meals)

just released
November 2021



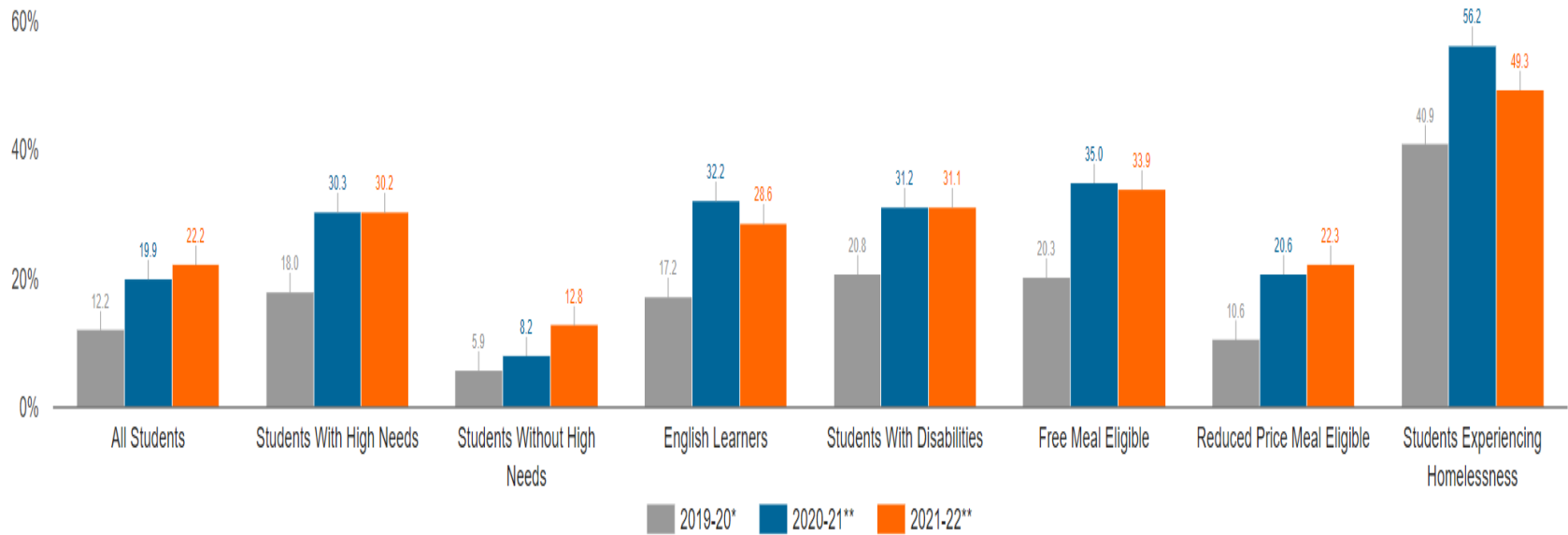
November 2021 Attendance Data

- [Attendance by Student Group and District, 2021-2022 \(.csv\)](#)
- [Attendance by School, 2021-2022 \(.csv\)](#)
- [District Attendance Rates by High Needs category and by grade \(.xlsx\)](#)
- [District Attendance Rates for English learners and students with disabilities by grade band \(.xlsx\)](#)
- [Chronic Absence by District \(.xlsx\)](#)
- [District Chronic Absence and Attendance Rates for students wth disabilities by primary disability \(.xlsx\)](#)



Percentage of Students Chronical Absent by Student Group - YTD 11/21

Percentage of Students Chronically Absent by Student Group (YTD as of November 2021 compared to 2020-2021 and 2019-20)



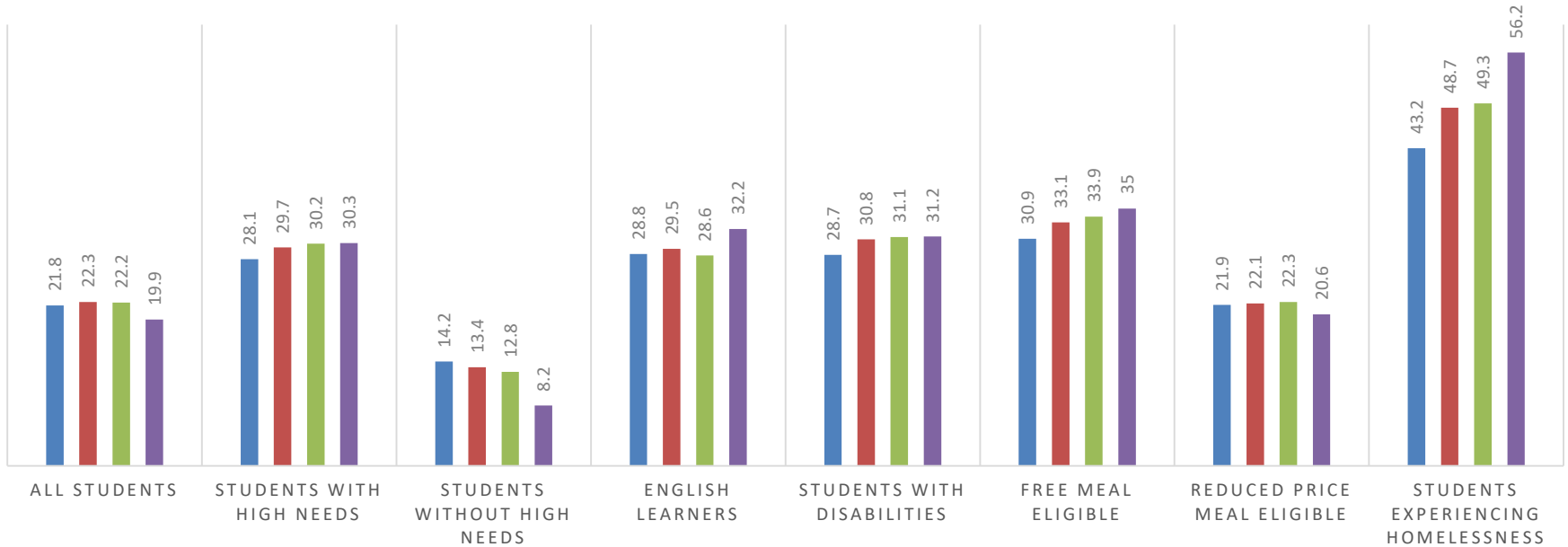
*Calculations are based only on in-person school days until mid-March 2020. **Calculations include both in-person and remote days.



Attendance Data Trends Fall 2021

CHRONIC ABSENCE TRENDS FALL 2021

■ September ■ October ■ November ■ 2020-21 SY





Parent Teacher Home Visits Training

Parent Teacher Home Visits Training
January 20, 2022
2:00 - 5:30 p.m.
This is a virtual training

REGISTER NOW

The research is clear, families are essential to student success. Parent Teacher Home Visits Training (PTHV) focuses on building the capacity of educators and school staff to build meaningful relationships with the families.

The PTHV Training, a high impact family engagement program, prepares educators to conduct in-person home visits and virtual visits, giving schools and educators tools to build and deepen relationships of trust with their students' families.

The training will prepare teachers and family engagement specialist to:

- Understand the PTHV model and why it is effective.
- Be prepared to do both in-person home visits and virtual bridge visits.
- Develop action steps that include dates and plans to launch.
Participants will have the opportunity to participate in two (2) follow-up community of practice sessions to network and support the work.

Who should attend?

Teams from school comprised of administrators, teachers, family liaisons, and community partners.

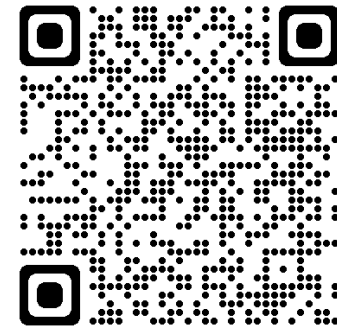


For additional information please visit the CT Family School Partnerships website: www.ct-fsp.org

Contact: Betsy LeBorious at bleborious@crec.org or 860-509-3615

This training is funded by the USDE Statewide Family Engagement Center Grant. There is no fee to attend this training.

Priority will be given to Alliance School Districts and to National Network of Partnership Schools in CT.



[Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)





How Welcoming is Your School?

Maximize Family & Community Engagement

Welcoming Walkthrough Overview Training

January 25, 2022
2:00-3:30 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

REGISTER

Educators understand more than ever that the key to engaging parents is to make their schools feel “like family.” Schools that extend a genuine welcome to parents have stronger partners in the education process. The CT Welcoming Welcoming Schools Initiative was developed to enhance partnerships among families, schools and the community.

This workshop will incorporate hands-on activities and practice using the Welcoming Tool. The Tool focuses on the physical environment, family engagement practice, policy and communication indicators to assess the climate and culture of the school.

Who should attend?

Teams from schools comprised of families, administrators, teachers, family liaisons, resource officers, security, and other support staff.

For additional information, contact:

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Please bring a laptop or other device for note taking and access to online resources.



Welcoming Walkthrough Overview Training



[Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)



Pathways to Graduation

Learning Recovery Strategies for Secondary Students with High Absence Rates

Erica Forti, Superintendent Of East Haven Public Schools
Vinny Denuzzo, Principal Of East Haven High School
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Upcoming Attendance & Engagement Meetings

Talk Tuesday

Tuesday, **January 25, 2022**

Have a **promising practice or success**
you want to share?

Concerns you want to share through peer discussion?

Send ideas for topics for discussion to
Kari.Sullivan@ct.gov.

Attendance & Engagement
Community of Practice

Thursday, **January 20, 2021**

Fall 2021 Data Analysis

Ajit Gopalakrishnan

CSDE Chief Performance Data

Save the dates!

All CoPs are held on the 3rd Thursday
of the month from 10 to 11:30 a.m.



KEEP IN TOUCH!

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