Newark Public Schools District

District highlights from NCTQ’s Roll call: The importance of teacher attendance

The following analysis reflects the 2012–2013 teacher attendance data sent by 40 large urban districts, including Newark Public Schools District, to the National Council on Teacher Quality. Long-term absences lasting more than 10 consecutive days were not included in order to exclude leave taken for serious illness and maternity/paternity leave.

Newark summary

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<th>School poverty level</th>
<th>Number of teachers</th>
<th>Average days absent</th>
<th>Attendance rate</th>
<th>Excellent attendance (3 or fewer days absent)</th>
<th>Moderate attendance (4 –10 days absent)</th>
<th>Frequently absent (11 –17 days absent)</th>
<th>Chronically absent (more than 18 days absent)</th>
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<td>Overall</td>
<td>234,031</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>94%</td>
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<td>Newark</td>
<td>2,879</td>
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<td>61 – 80%</td>
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<td>81 – 100%</td>
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Poverty level of schools was based on students’ eligibility for free- and reduced-price lunch.

Average days absent by district

Average number of days absent: 11

Percentage of teachers by attendance category

- Excellent attendance (3 or fewer days absent): 17%
- Moderate attendance (4 –10 days absent): 44%
- Frequently absent (11 –17 days absent): 30%
- Chronically absent (18 or more days absent): 10%

Percentage of absences by attendance category

- Excellent attendance (3 or fewer days absent): 35%
- Moderate attendance (4 –10 days absent): 28%
- Frequently absent (11 –17 days absent): 36%
- Chronically absent (18 or more days absent): 1%