St. Louis Public Schools

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 St. Louis Public Schools, 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.

St. Louis 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>
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<td>Overall</td>
<td>234,031</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>94%</td>
<td>16%</td>
<td>40%</td>
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<td>St. Louis</td>
<td>1,710</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>95%</td>
<td>16%</td>
<td>45%</td>
<td>28%</td>
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<td>0 – 20%</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>21 – 40%</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>95%</td>
<td>21%</td>
<td>54%</td>
<td>8%</td>
<td>17%</td>
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<td>41 – 60%</td>
<td>84</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>95%</td>
<td>12%</td>
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<td>31%</td>
<td>12%</td>
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<td>61 – 80%</td>
<td>94</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>95%</td>
<td>19%</td>
<td>46%</td>
<td>32%</td>
<td>3%</td>
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<td>81 – 100%</td>
<td>1,508</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>95%</td>
<td>16%</td>
<td>45%</td>
<td>28%</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

[Graph showing average days absent by district with St. Louis highlighted.

Average number of days absent: 11]

Percentage of teachers by attendance category

[Circle chart showing attendance distribution:

- Excellent attendance (3 or fewer days absent): 16%
- Moderate attendance (4 –10 days absent): 45%
- Frequently absent (11 –17 days absent): 32%
- Chronically absent (more than 18 days absent): 38%]

Percentage of absences by attendance category

[Circle chart showing percentage distribution of absences:

- Excellent attendance (3 or fewer days absent): 27%
- Moderate attendance (4 –10 days absent): 32%
- Frequently absent (11 –17 days absent): 38%
- Chronically absent (more than 18 days absent): 3%]
Percentage of teachers in attendance category by district

- Excellent attendance (3 or fewer days absent)
- Moderate attendance (4 - 10 days absent)
- Frequently absent (11 - 17 days absent)
- Chronically absent (18 or more days absent)

Districts:
- Atlanta
- Austin
- Baltimore City
- Buffalo
- Charlotte
- Cincinnati
- Cleveland
- Columbus, OH
- Dallas
- Denver
- Hartford
- Houston
- Indianapolis
- Jacksonville
- Kansas City
- Los Angeles
- Louisville, KY
- Milwaukee
- Minneapolis
- Nashville
- New Orleans
- New York
- Newark
- Oklahoma City
- Orlando
- Philadelphia
- Phoenix
- Pittsburgh
- Portland, OR
- Providence
- Sacramento
- Salt Lake City
- San Antonio
- San Diego
- San Francisco
- San Jose
- Seattle
- St. Louis
- Tampa
- District of Columbia

Percentage of teachers