# TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS 

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## 2019-2020 Goal \#1: Student Attendance

The Township of Franklin Public School District will reduce the district-wide percentage of students deemed "chronically absent" as defined by the NJDOE by at least .5\%. The district will also target the number of students absent from school between six (6) and ten (10) days in efforts to reduce that percentage by a target of $2 \%$ and the number of students absent from school between eleven (11) and seventeen (17) days in efforts to reduce that percentage by a target of $2 \%$.

## Goal Rationale/Baseline Data

- During the 2018-2019 school year, the district successfully reduced the number of student absences (6-17 days) by 5.9\%. The District Leadership Committee has endorsed the continuation of focused efforts in the area of student attendance.
- The New Jersey Department of Education defines "chronically absenteeism" as students that were not present for ten (10\%) percent or more of the days in session a school year. Additionally, beginning in 2018 (using 2016-2017 data), the NJ DOE began reporting school and district chronic absenteeism rates on the annual School Performance Reports.
- NJDOE School Performance Report Data

|  | $\underline{2016-2017}$ | $\underline{2017-2018}$ | $\underline{2018-2019}$ |
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| Percentage of "Chronically" Absent Students | $8 \%$ | $7.1 \%$ | N/A |

- Realtime Student Attendance Data

|  | $\underline{2015-2016}$ | $\underline{2016-2017}$ | $\underline{2017-2018}$ | $\underline{2018-2019}$ |
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| Total Student Enrollment K-6 (as of June 30 |  |  |  |  |
| th $)$ | 1389 | 1417 | 1374 | 1398 |
| Total Number of Students Absent from School for 6-10 days | $481(34.6 \%)$ | $505(35.6 \%)$ | $487(35.4 \%)$ | $464(33 \%)$ |
| Total Number of Students Absent from School for 11-17 days | $224(16.1 \%)$ | $269(18.9 \%)$ | $309(22.4 \%)$ | $265(18.9 \%)$ |
| Percentage of Students Absent from School for 6-17 days | $50.7 \%$ | $54.5 \%$ | $57.8 \%$ | $51.9 \%$ |

