

Chronic truancy

A partnership of the Rockford School District, the United Way, the city of Rockford and Winnebago County to combat truancy showed promise in fiscal year 2007, when chronic truancy fell significantly. But legal problems plagued the partnership starting in early 2008 and the chronic truancy rate by April 2008 had risen to 7.8 percent.

SCHOOL	FY '07			FY '08		
	TRUANTS	ATT.*	PCT.	TRUANTS	ATT.*	PCT.
Elementary	479	13,384	3.6%	500	13,236	3.8%
Middle	311	5,825	5.3%	290	5,655	5.1%
High	1,136	6,946	16.4%	1,213	6,881	17.6%
TOTAL	1,926	26,156	7.4%	2,003	25,772	7.8%

*Represents average daily attendance

Notes: FY '07 data through April 30, 2007; FY '08 data through April 30, 2008; chronic truancy is defined as a student missing 10 percent of the school year.

Source: Rockford School District

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