

# Increased student attendance

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LEAD MINISTER

Hon David Seymour, Associate Minister of Education

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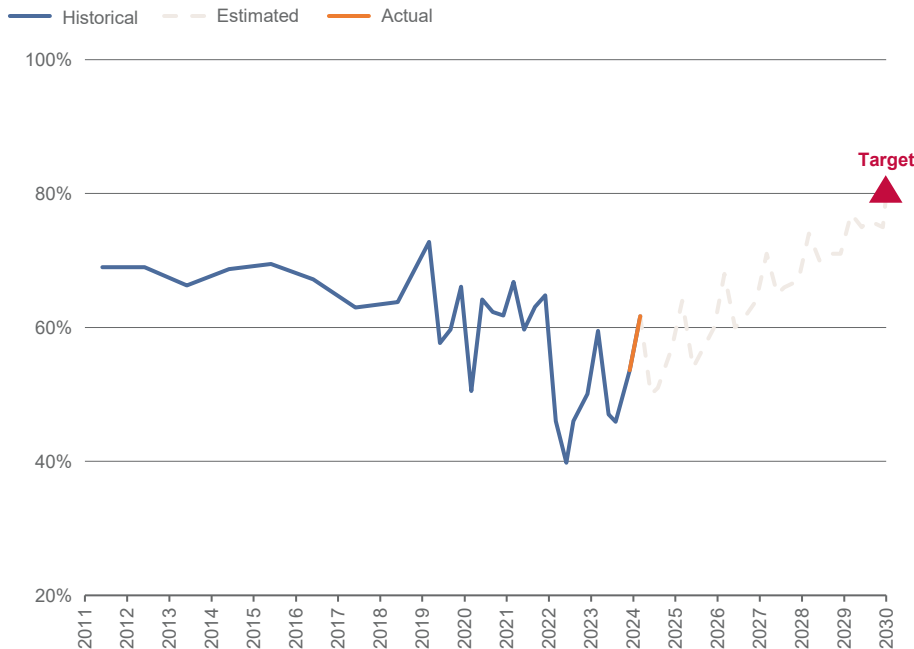
Ministry of Education, Secretary for Education, Iona Holsted

## TARGET DELIVERY PERFORMANCE - QUARTER ENDING JUNE 2024

| Target | Baseline<br>(Term 1, 2023) | Current<br>(Term 1, 2024) | Status   |
|--------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| 80%    | 59.5%                      | 61.7%                     | Feasible |

## PROGRESS TOWARDS TARGET

Proportion of students who are present for more than 90% of the term



## TARGET DELIVERY ACTIONS

The Government's attendance action plan was announced in April, with the development of the second phase of initiatives underway:

- **Improving data** - a new online data dashboard was released in May that makes daily attendance data available to the public and parents. Cabinet agreed to mandatory daily reporting from Term 1, 2025.
- **Supports and services** - reviews of existing attendance services are underway to better target attendance supports, including the Education Review Office review of supports and interventions, due in October.
- **Schools** - design of a stepped attendance response to set out requirements and expectations for parents, schools, and the Ministry of Education at different stages of students' attendance. Policy work is underway to make attendance a strategic priority for school boards and have an attendance management plan.
- **Parents** - changes are being made to the way prosecution mechanisms are operationalised to improve visibility and consistency in their use. Engagement with key stakeholders and the sector starts in September.
- **Communities** - refreshed health guidance to reinforce the importance of school attendance was released in May. An attendance public information campaign started in May and a behaviour change campaign is being developed.

## HOW TO FIND OUT MORE

The Ministry of Education will continue to publish attendance information and data on <https://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/statistics/attendance>

For information on the Government Targets go to [www.dPMC.govt.nz](http://www.dPMC.govt.nz)