

Increased student attendance

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LEAD MINISTER

Hon David Seymour, Associate Minister of Education

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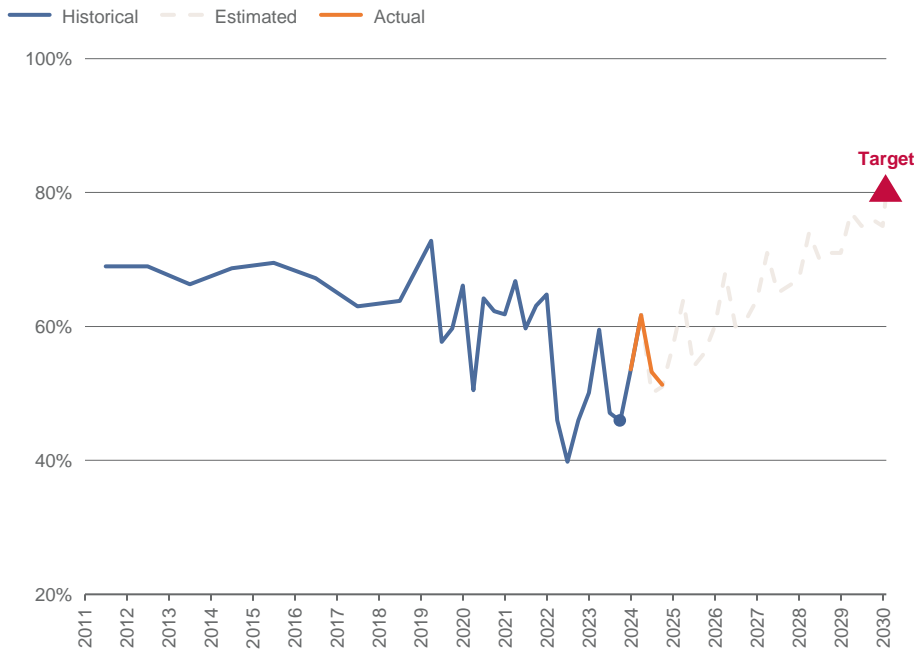
Ministry of Education, Acting Secretary for Education, Ellen MacGregor-Reid

TARGET DELIVERY PERFORMANCE - QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 2024

| Target | Baseline (Term 3, 2023) | Current (Term 3, 2024) | Status |
|--------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 80% | 45.9% | 51.3% |  Probable |

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 2024, with the first phase of initiatives going live in Term 2 2024, including the refreshed health guidance, the daily attendance dashboard, and the public information campaign.

There was a 5.4 percentage point increase from Term 3 2023 to Term 3 2024.

The second phase of attendance initiatives are underway, including the Stepped Attendance Response (STAR) released 30 September 2024. Recent actions include:

- **Improve data and build the knowledge base** - mandatory daily attendance reporting and revised attendance codes commenced in Term 1, 2025. The number of attendance codes has been reduced and will be supported by improved guidance.
- **Supports and services** - review of existing attendance services and supports for chronically absent students was completed by the Education Review Office in October 2024. An internal review has also been completed by the Ministry of Education, and action is underway to address the most urgent issues identified.
- **Strengthen accountability** - legislative changes that strengthen accountability for school boards are on track to establish Attendance Management Plans for schools and making attendance a strategic priority for school boards.
- **Increase collective impacts** - Minister-led regional engagements with the sector concluded in November 2024. Feedback from the engagements is being used to inform planning and development of attendance initiatives, such as support materials for STAR, which are on track for publication in Term 1 2025.

Improving student attendance supports the Government's Going for Growth approach to ensure young people have the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to succeed.

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