

2019 National Attendance Awareness Month

September is **National Attendance Awareness** Month. Throughout the country, we see a growing consensus that ABSENTEEISM in schools is a growing national problem. This epidemic is no different in the Pueblo Community or at Heaton. During this month, we will highlight different information regarding attendance at Heaton. As the year progresses, we will include our statistics as a school overall both weekly and monthly. This month will focus on the following topics: Chronic Absenteeism, Attendance Statistic, Truancy, and Changing the Trend.



What is Chronic Absenteeism?

Students are considered CHRONICALLY ABSENT from school when they miss more than **10 days** in an academic year.

Last year at Heaton during the 2018-2019, **65% of our students had 10 or more absences.** This statistic is ALARMING.

Is your child chronically absent? We will be directing resources towards students with high absentee rates this year to ensure they are in school.

Heaton's Attendance Goal

Heaton has an attendance goal each year. This year we are setting the goal as 95% daily. Below are our statistics from last school year, which actually mimic the 2017-2018 school year as well. Please note that we did not meet our goal last year as a school. Another data point to note, is that as the year progresses, attendance number decline. Also, another trend we see is that 8th grade attendance declines from their 6th grade to 8th grade year.

Grade	1 st Nine Weeks	2 nd Nine Weeks	3 rd Nine Weeks	4 th Nine Weeks	Grade Totals
6 th	93%	90%	89%	88%	90%
7 th	91%	90%	88%	88%	89%
8 th	92%	89%	87%	87%	88%
18-19 Nine Weeks Totals	91%	90%	89%	88%	89%