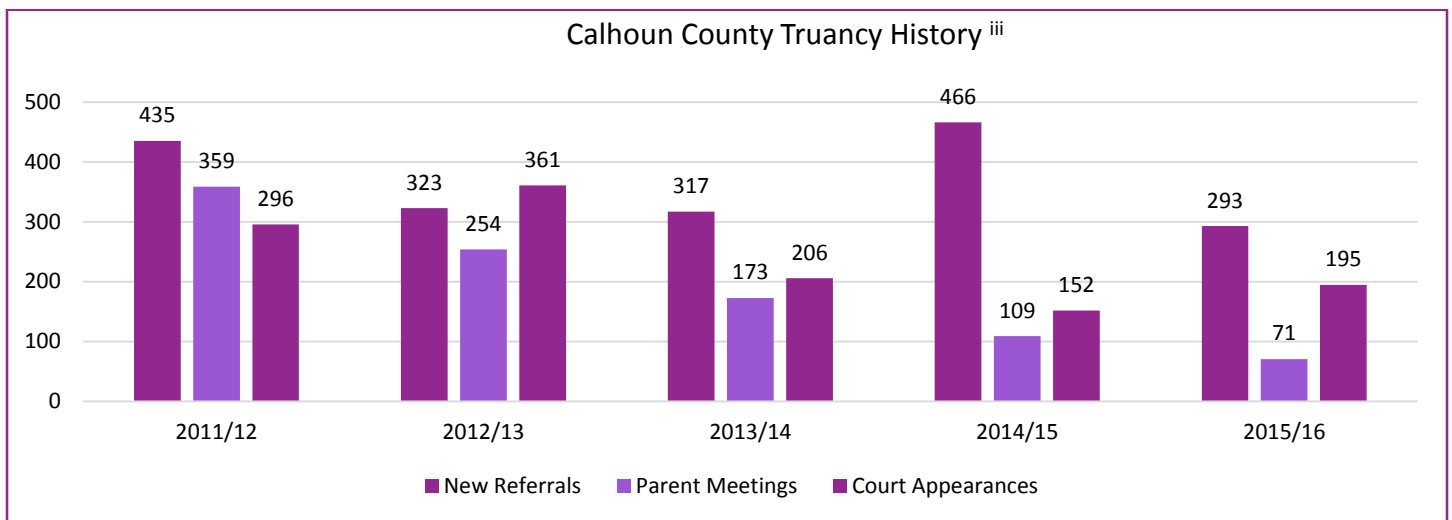


# ABSENTEEISM/COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

GOAL: Increase school attendance by helping parents overcome barriers to getting children to school

## RATIONALE FOR CHOOSING INDICATOR:

Absenteeism as early as kindergarten has been associated with greater absenteeism in subsequent years, lower achievement in math and reading, and an increased risk of dropping out of high school. <sup>i</sup> Michigan requires children to attend public school (except if enrolled in an approved non-public school) during the entire school year from the age of six to their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. <sup>ii</sup> Chronic absenteeism (truancy) is described as 10 or more absences in a school year. Each local school district has its own attendance and reporting policies, which can account for some discrepancy in data among schools. Students who are chronically truant may be referred to the Calhoun Intermediate School District (CISD) who may then meet with parents to develop an Education Service Plan. Failure to comply with the plan may lead to filing of a court petition by CISD.

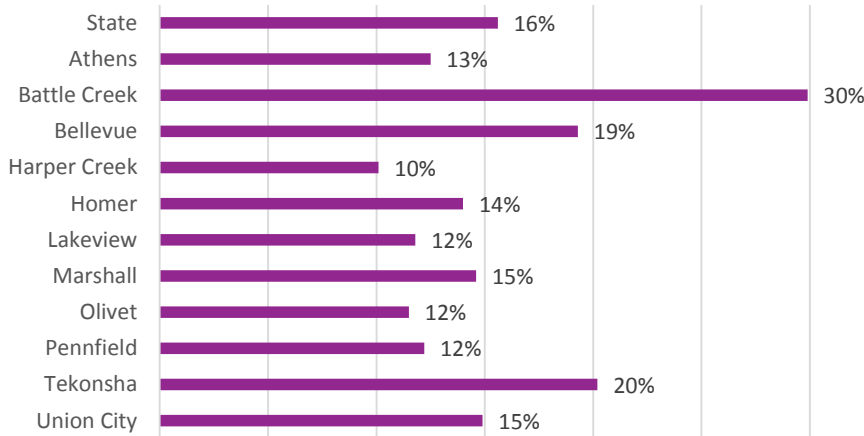


<b>TRUANCY REFERRALS TO CALHOUN ISDBY DISTRICT 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR <sup>iii</sup></b>	
ATHENS	8
BATTLE CREEK	54
BELLEVUE	32
HARPER CREEK	24
HOMER	25
LAKEVIEW	34
MARSHALL	25
OLIVET	17
PENNFIELD	14
TEKNOSHA	3
UNION CITY	16

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Percent of Students Chronically Absent by School District  
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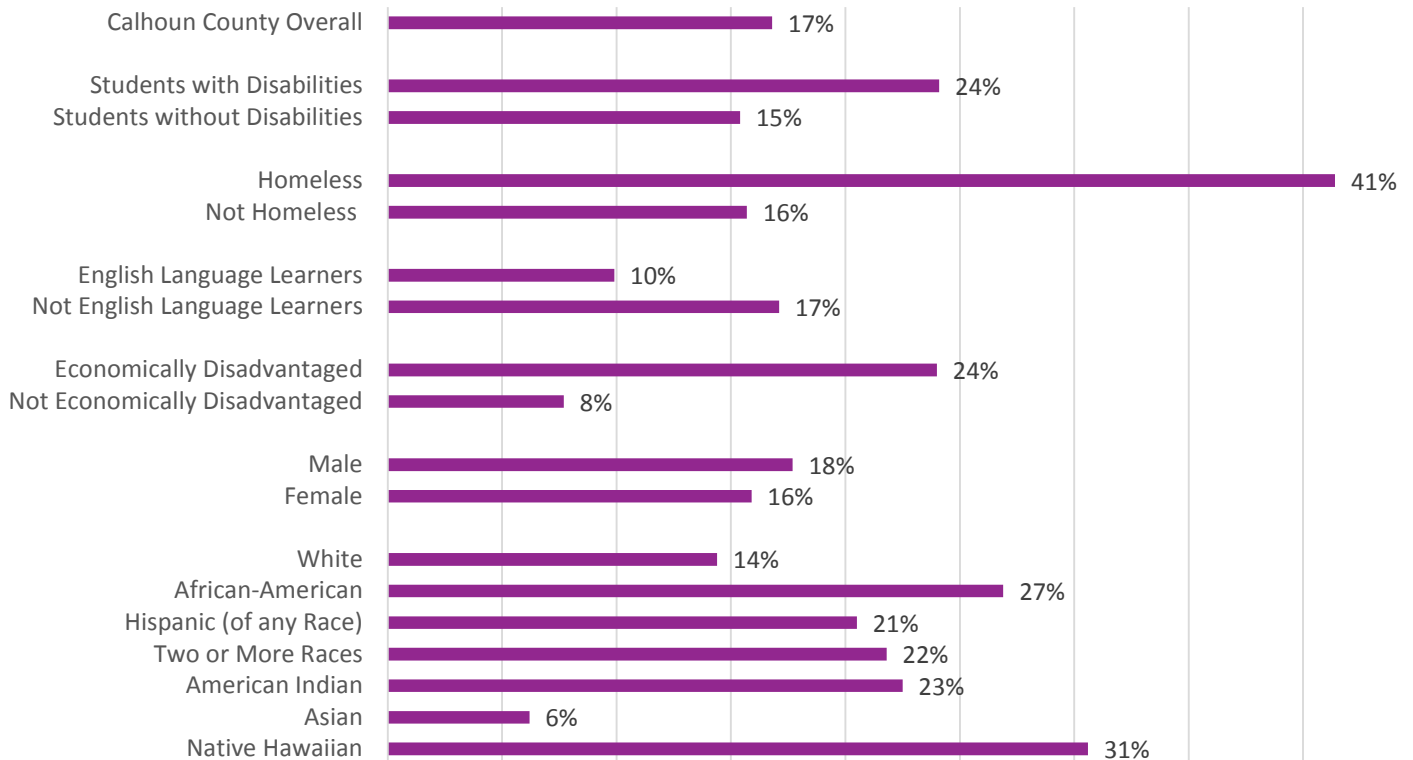


The percent of students chronically absent by school district (left) does not include data for charter schools.

The percent of students chronically absent by subpopulation (below) includes data for students who attend other schools within the Calhoun County Intermediate School District (e.g., charter schools).

Due to a methodology change, data is not comparable to prior years.

Percent of Calhoun County Students Chronically Absent by Subpopulation  
2016-2017 School Year <sup>iv,‡</sup>



<sup>i</sup> National Center for Education Statistics. Every Student Counts. February 2009.

<sup>ii</sup> State of Michigan, 95<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session of 2009, Enrolled House Bill 4787.

<sup>iii</sup> Calhoun Intermediate School District, 2016.

<sup>iv</sup> Michigan Department of Education, Center for Educational Performance and

Improvement, <https://www.mischooldata.org/DistrictSchoolProfiles/StudentInformation/StudentCounts/NewAttendance.aspx>, accessed February 21, 2018.

<sup>‡</sup> Data is rounded to the nearest whole number.