

HOMEBOUND & ATTENDANCE SUPPORT

Chronic Absenteeism Guide

39.5%

of D.C. students were chronically absent in 2024–25.

Source: D.C. Office of the State Superintendent of Education

How districts keep students who miss school connected to their learning.

WHAT CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM MEANS

There's no single federal definition, but it's typically missing at least 10% of instructional days for any reason, excused or not. In a 180-day school year, that's 18 or more days.

The challenge, and how Fullmind solves it

The challenge	With Fullmind
! Students miss school for many reasons, from illness to housing instability.	✓ Live coursework with a certified educator keeps absent students connected.
! Absent students fall behind on coursework.	✓ Instruction that keeps students on track with their classes.
! Attendance data the school can't act on.	✓ Attendance data your team can see and use.
! One response doesn't fit every reason students are absent.	✓ Homebound instruction and support for students experiencing homelessness, from the same partner.

Why it matters A coordinated approach helps your team understand attendance barriers, engage families, and reconnect students with learning.

5 questions to ask any provider

- 1 How do you keep absent students connected to their coursework?
- 2 Are your educators certified?
- 3 What attendance data will we receive?
- 4 How do you coordinate with our attendance team and families?
- 5 Can you also support homebound students and students experiencing homelessness?

How to fund it

Often Title I, Part A and Title IV, Part A, plus state and local funds. Check allowable uses with your federal programs coordinator.

What a good program looks like

- Early identification of students at risk
- Outreach that addresses why students are absent
- Live instruction that keeps absent students connected
- Attendance data the school can act on

How Fullmind helps



Identify Attendance Barriers

Use attendance patterns and school input to identify students who may benefit from timely intervention.



Connect Families and Schools

Connect communication across families and school teams to understand barriers and plan responsive support.



Rebuild Academic Engagement

Pair attendance interventions with targeted learning support to address missed instruction and rebuild engagement.

3,000+

Certified educators

15.5+ yrs

Average classroom experience

7,000

Educator certifications

50 states

Where our educators live

How to get started

1

Tell us about your district

Students, schedule, staffing and goals.

2

Get a plan built around your needs

The right service and format.

3

Meet your educators

Matched to your students and state.

4

Start and track progress

Your team sees progress as it happens.

Talk with Fullmind

Live instruction that keeps students who miss school connected to their coursework. Flexible contracts that grow or shrink with your needs.

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