

Increased student attendance

80% of students to be present for more than 90% of the term.

LEAD MINISTER

Hon David Seymour, Associate Minister of Education

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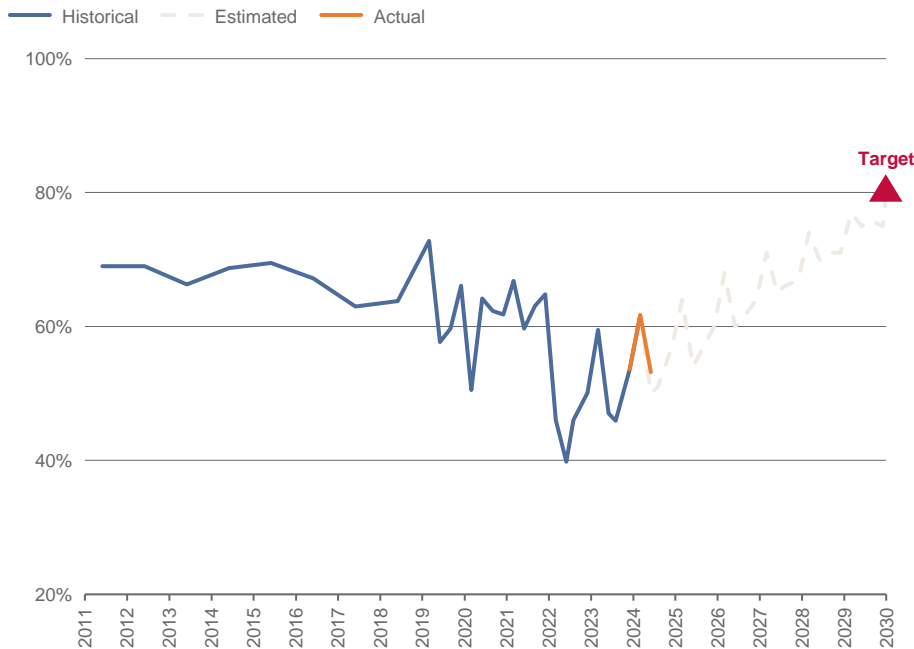
Ministry of Education, Acting Secretary for Education, Ellen MacGregor-Reid

TARGET DELIVERY PERFORMANCE - QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 2024

Target	Baseline (Term 2, 2023)	Current (Term 2, 2024)	Status
80%	47.1%	53.2%	 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, 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 6.1 percentage point increase from Term 2 2023 to Term 2 2024.

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

- **Improve data and build the knowledge base** - mandatory daily attendance reporting and revised attendance codes will commence Term 1, 2025. The number of 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. 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** - initial draft of the STAR framework to improve regular attendance by responding consistently to student absence was published in late September. Cabinet agreed in September to require schools to have an attendance management plan. Work is underway to improve consistency in how the Ministry supports prosecution processes.
- **Shift attitudes and change behaviours** - social media activity continued throughout this quarter using youth adjacent channels and targeted messaging.

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