

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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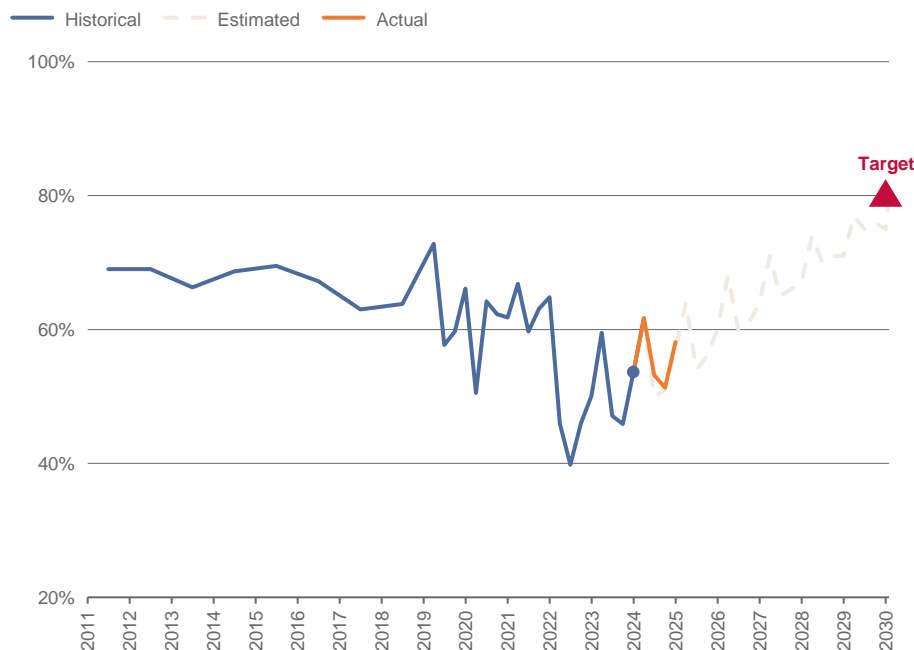
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TARGET DELIVERY PERFORMANCE - QUARTER ENDING MARCH 2025

Target	Baseline (Term 4, 2023)	Current (Term 4, 2024)	Status
80%	53.0%	58.1%	 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 is well underway including release of refreshed health guidance, the daily attendance dashboard, and ongoing public information campaign to influence behaviour and attitudes to get and keep kids at school.

In Term 4 of 2024 58.1 percent of students attended school regularly, an increase of 5.1 percentage points from 53 percent in Term 4 of 2023.

Budget 2025 invests \$140 million to improve attendance over the next four years. This includes around \$123 million for the delivery of a new attendance service and almost \$17 million to support and strengthen frontline attendance services.

The Government is focused on:

- **Improve data and build the knowledge base.** Mandatory daily attendance reporting and revised attendance codes commenced in Term 1, 2025 with schools responding positively and submitting their data daily.
- **Supports and services.** An overhaul of attendance services is underway, including ending Attendance Officer contracts and reallocating funding to services which work directly with chronically absent and non-enrolled students.
- **Strengthen accountability.** Many schools are already using the Stepped Attendance Response (STAR) with a formal trial starting in April 2025 with 15 schools. The Ministry of Education is also focused on ensuring parents and guardians get their children to school and will be actively collecting evidence for prosecutions where warranted.
- **Increase collective impacts.** An Expert Advisory Group with Police, frontline attendance advisors, community leaders and principals to provide advice on improving attendance has been established.

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

* Results may differ from the latest available published school attendance statistics, as historical results may be revised and updated following further data processing.