

What Happens When Kids Miss School?



Kids need to be in school. Research shows students who are chronically absent - **missing just 2 days per month, or 10% of the school year** - lose opportunities to succeed throughout their lives.



EARLY CHILDHOOD
ages 0-4



ELEMENTARY
ages 5-10



MIDDLE SCHOOL
ages 11-13



HIGH SCHOOL
ages 14-18



POST-SECONDARY
ages 19-25

Results of
Chronic
Absenteeism

Erodes Pre-K benefits

Poor reading skills

Lower math test scores

Higher dropout rates

Lower earnings for life

Benefits of
Attendance

Shapes the architecture
of the brain

Reading enables all
future learning

Master core skills,
including math

More likely to
graduate

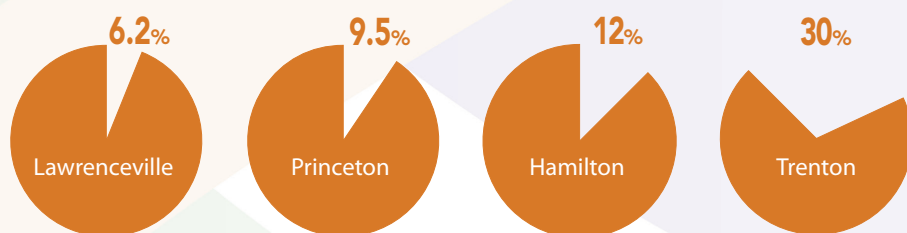
College grads have
strong job prospects



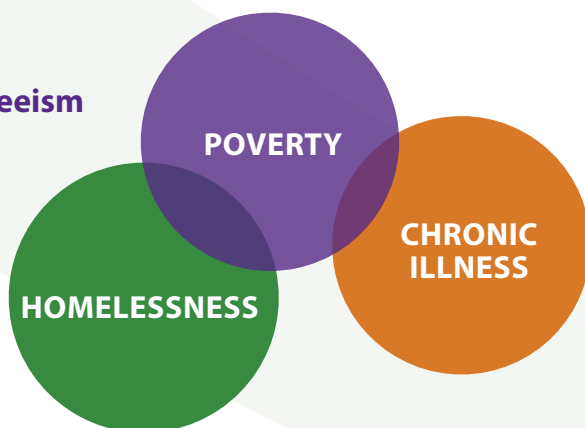
Through **All Kids Thrive**, we are working to understand what makes a positive impact on chronic absenteeism.

Our goal is to strengthen and insulate the educational pipeline to ensure **All Kids Thrive**. In our community, where philanthropy thrives, we believe this is possible.

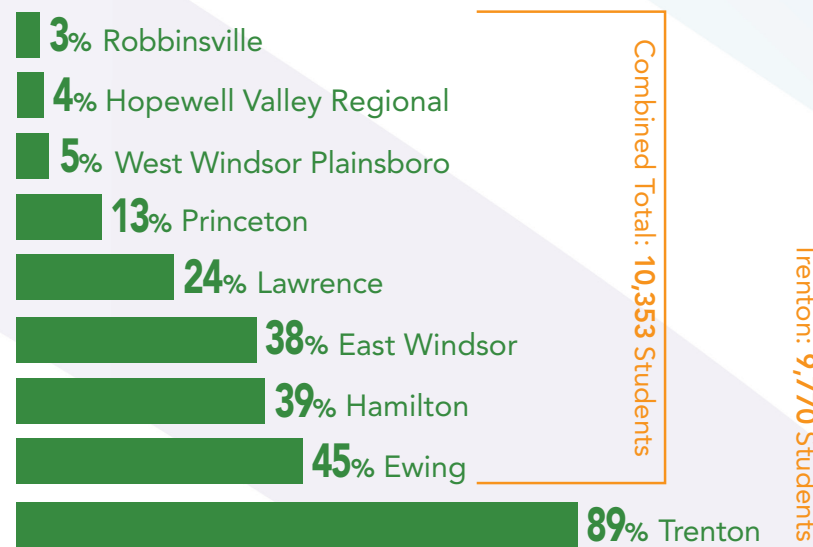
Chronic Absenteeism Rates¹:



Risk Factors for Chronic Absenteeism Include²:



More than **1 in 3** children in Mercer County public schools are eligible to receive free or reduced-price school meals³:



Percentage of eligible students in each school district

An initiative of the **Princeton Area Community Foundation**.

Visit our website, www.pacf.org, or contact us at **609.219.1800** to learn more or to collaborate with us.

Footnotes:

- ¹ Showing Up Matters: The State of Chronic Absenteeism in New Jersey, 3rd Annual Report, Advocates for Children of New Jersey
- ² Chronic Absenteeism: A Major Barrier to Learning, Advocates for Children of New Jersey
- ³ NJ Department of Education, 2016-17 data