

## Access School Absenteeism Data within the HIE!

The Collaborative for Attendance Resources in Education and Health (CARE-H) is a partnership with the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), Children’s National, CRISP DC, and parents/caregivers to support school attendance, encourage positive health/social outcomes, and support academic success.

Through collaboration with DCPS, CRISP DC has now made **school attendance data available through the DC Portal and EHR**, allowing any provider that is part of the student’s care team to help provide support and resources as needed. *Data displayed is only from students whose parents/guardians have consented to the CARE-H program.*

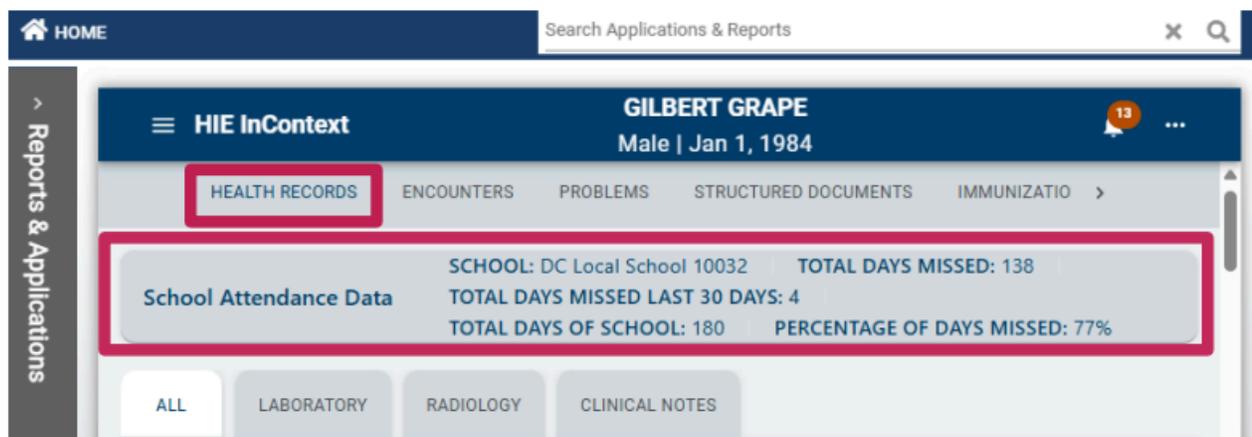
### Why is this important?

School attendance gives insight into a child and family’s well-being as it may indicate chronic disease, mental health concerns, and social needs. When students/patients are missing school days (regardless of whether those absences are excused or not), they are at risk of lifelong academic challenges. **Students who do not graduate from high school have increased morbidity and a decrease in life expectancy by 9 years. Supporting students/patients with regular school attendance is a key protective factor for their future health and academic success.**

Asking caregivers about barriers to regular school attendance can help pediatric clinicians direct their counseling and support families with resources. Using the American Academy of Pediatrics Checklist\* can also help providers support their patients.

### To Access Absenteeism Data:

- 1a) **Portal:** Search for a patient as you normally would within the DC Portal, and select Clinical Information.
- 1b) **EHR:** Search for a patient as you normally would, then launch the CRISP inContext application.
- 2) Data is visible for consenting students under the “Health Records” tab, and will be deleted after the end of each school year.



## What is considered at-risk or chronic school absenteeism?

- **At-Risk School Attendance:** missed 5%-9.9% of school days this year
- **Moderate Chronic School Absence:** missed 10%-19.9% of school days this year
- **Severe Chronic School Absence:** missed 20%-29.9% of school days this year
- **Profound Chronic School Absence:** missed 30% or more of school days this year

## **\*American Academy of Pediatrics Checklist:**

- ✓ Routinely ask at preventive care visits and sick visits about the number of absences a student has experienced
  - ✓ Praise patients and caregivers when patients are attending school
  - ✓ Support parents in addressing barriers to attendance
  - ✓ Assist families in documenting and interpreting their children's medical needs or disability for an individualized education program or 504 plan
  - ✓ Encourage families to share their concerns about their children's health with their school nurse
  - ✓ Place a focus on prevention measures to stay healthy and in school, including good nutrition, adequate sleep and physical activity, proper hygiene, etc.
  - ✓ Provide firm guidance on when a child should stay home sick and how to avoid absences from minor illnesses or anxiety
  - ✓ Develop relationships with school personnel, including school nurses and mental health clinicians, to foster care coordination and data-sharing opportunities
- For the complete list of AAP Resources on School Attendance, [click here](#).

## **Questions or Need Support?**

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