## CHRONIC ABSENCE IN THE EARLY GRADES IN NC

In North Carolina in 2021/22 (the most recent year of data), 29 percent of elementary school students were chronically absent, which is higher than the national average of 21 percent. There are disparities by race/ethnicity.

| American Indian/ | Native Hawaiian/ |
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| Alaska Native | Pacific Islander |
| Students | Students |



American Indian/Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander students have the highest rates of chronic absence in North Carolina at 45 percent, followed by African American and multi-racial students ( 33 percent), then 30 percent for Hispanic and 27 percent for white students. The lowest rate is among Asian students (16 percent).

Multi-Racial Students
$33 \%$

| Hispanic <br> Students | White <br> Students |
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|  |  |
| $30 \%$ |  |

