

OFFICIAL

South Australia government schools	
Inclusion of school types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All schools are included except distance education and adult senior colleges • IELCS and units are included with the mainstream school.
Inclusion of students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students need to be active to incur the absence • Only include students who are full time (1.0) at the one site • If students have not been attending for 4 weeks before the census and the school has excluded them from their enrolments they are excluded from attendance
Level of disaggregation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geo-coded from the Latitude and Longitude using the ABS digital boundary file for Remoteness Area
Student attributes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attributes for student taken from latest Government school enrolment.
Part-day absences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AM absence = absent 2 hours before noon • PM absence= 2 hours after noon. • Both AM and PM absence = absent full day • Either AM or PM absence = 0.5 day absent
Authorised absences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present unless behaviour results in out of school consequence then they are counted as authorised absence • If natural disaster/event closed the school then excluded, if only part of school affected then counted as present • Employment as part of educational program then counted as present • Other authorized absences included are illness, family reasons and exemption. • Unauthorized absences included in the absence numbers are unknown and not approved.
Attendance rate and level calculation formula	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are counted for the days they are enrolled at each school. The system uses date enrolled and date left to work out which school the absence should be counted against. • We have full or half day absences so rounding is to 1 decimal point. • Rounding is applied at the end. A student must have 90% attendance not 89.9% attendance.