

## Coventry Schools Rank on Low End of Absenteeism Study

A Channel 12 study of school absenteeism found that Coventry had some of the lowest rates in Rhode Island.

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Coventry schools fell mainly on the lower end of the scale in what the state Department of Education terms "chronic absenteeism," meaning students who miss more than 18 days of the school year.

WPRI Channel 12 recently reported that <u>17 percent of all students in Rhode Island were classified as chronically absent</u> during the 2011-12 school year, with four Providence high schools reporting more than 50 percent of students on the list.

Locally, <u>Coventry High School</u> recorded 23.05 percent chronic absenteeism, followed by <u>Alan Shawn</u> <u>Feinstein Middle School</u> with 13.33 percent.

Coventry elementary schools had fewer than 10 percent of their students in the chronically absent category - <u>Blackrock School</u> (9.37), <u>Western Coventry School</u> (9.35), <u>Hopkins Hill School</u> (8.47), <u>Tiogue School</u> (8.06) and <u>Washington Oak School</u> (7.85).