

Why Focus on Absenteeism?

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Chronic Absenteeism Directly Impacts Learning

Children with more absences



**Have lower
academic achievement**

(Ansari & Pianta, 2019; Garcia & Weiss, 2018; Gottfried, 2014; Romero & Lee, 2007; Santibañez & Guarino, 2020)



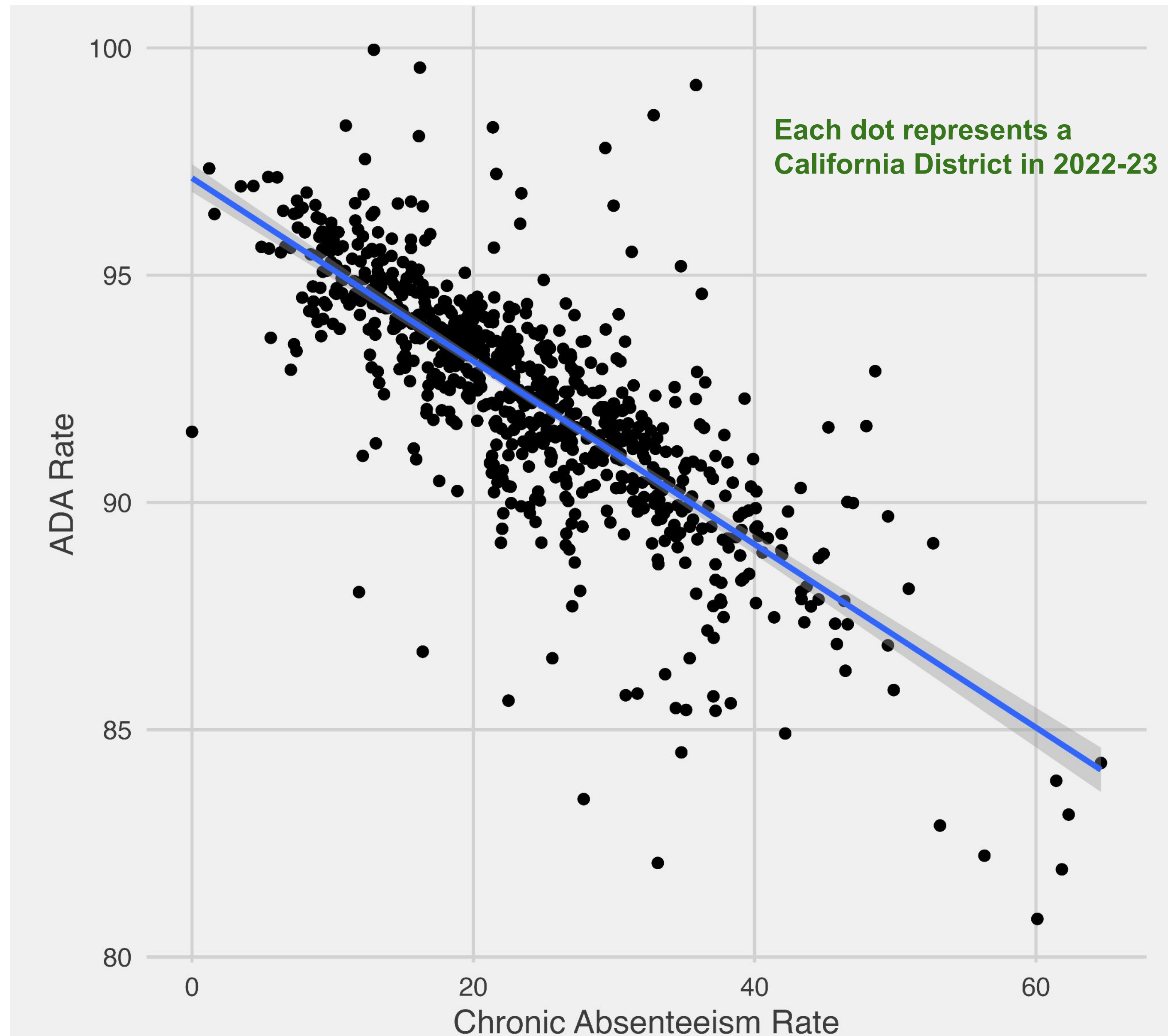
**Face a higher probability
of high school dropout**

(Alexander et al., 1997; Rumberger, 2015; Rumberger & Larson, 1998)



**Have lowered social
skills & increased
internalizing problem
behaviors** (Gottfried, 2014)

Reducing Chronic Absenteeism = Strengthening School Budgets



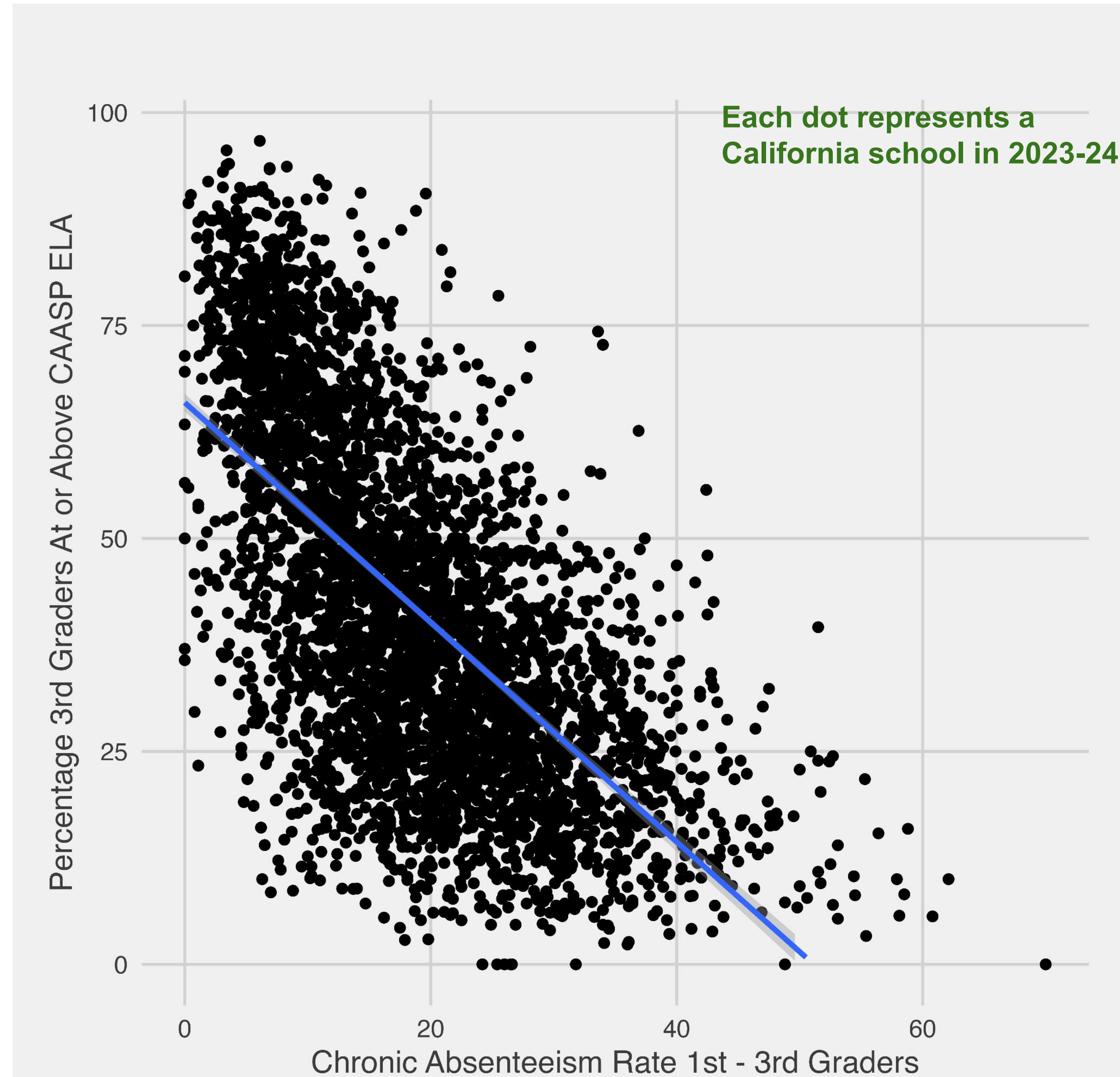
Adjusted R-squared = 0.59

Source:

[Current Expense ADA](#)
[Chronic Absenteeism](#)

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Early Attendance, Lasting Impact: Less Chronic Absenteeism = More 3rd Graders Reading At or Above Grade Level



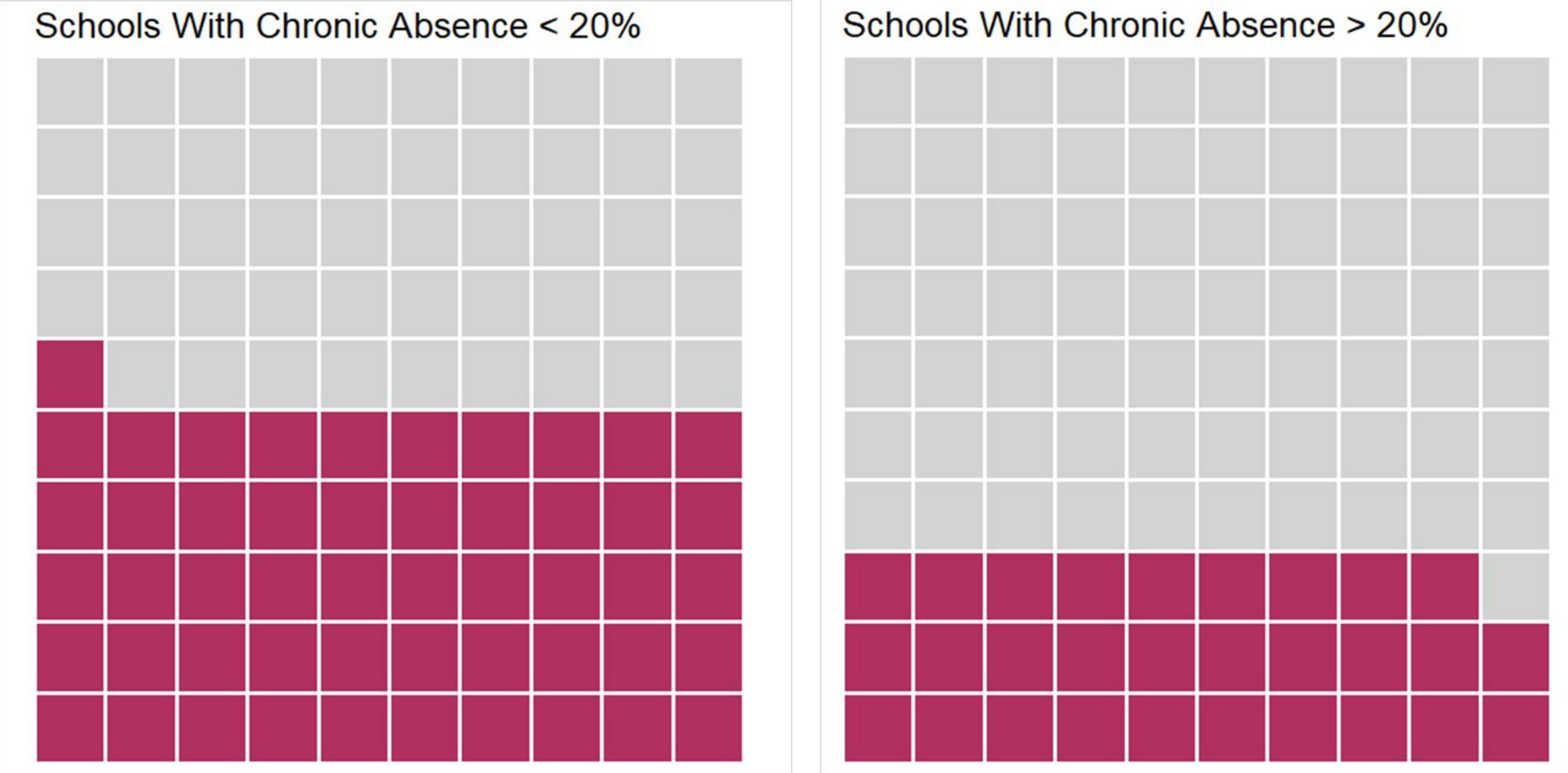
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[CAASP Research File](#)
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In 2023-24 California Elementary Schools with Chronic Absenteeism Rates Below 20% Had More 3rd Graders Reading at Grade Level

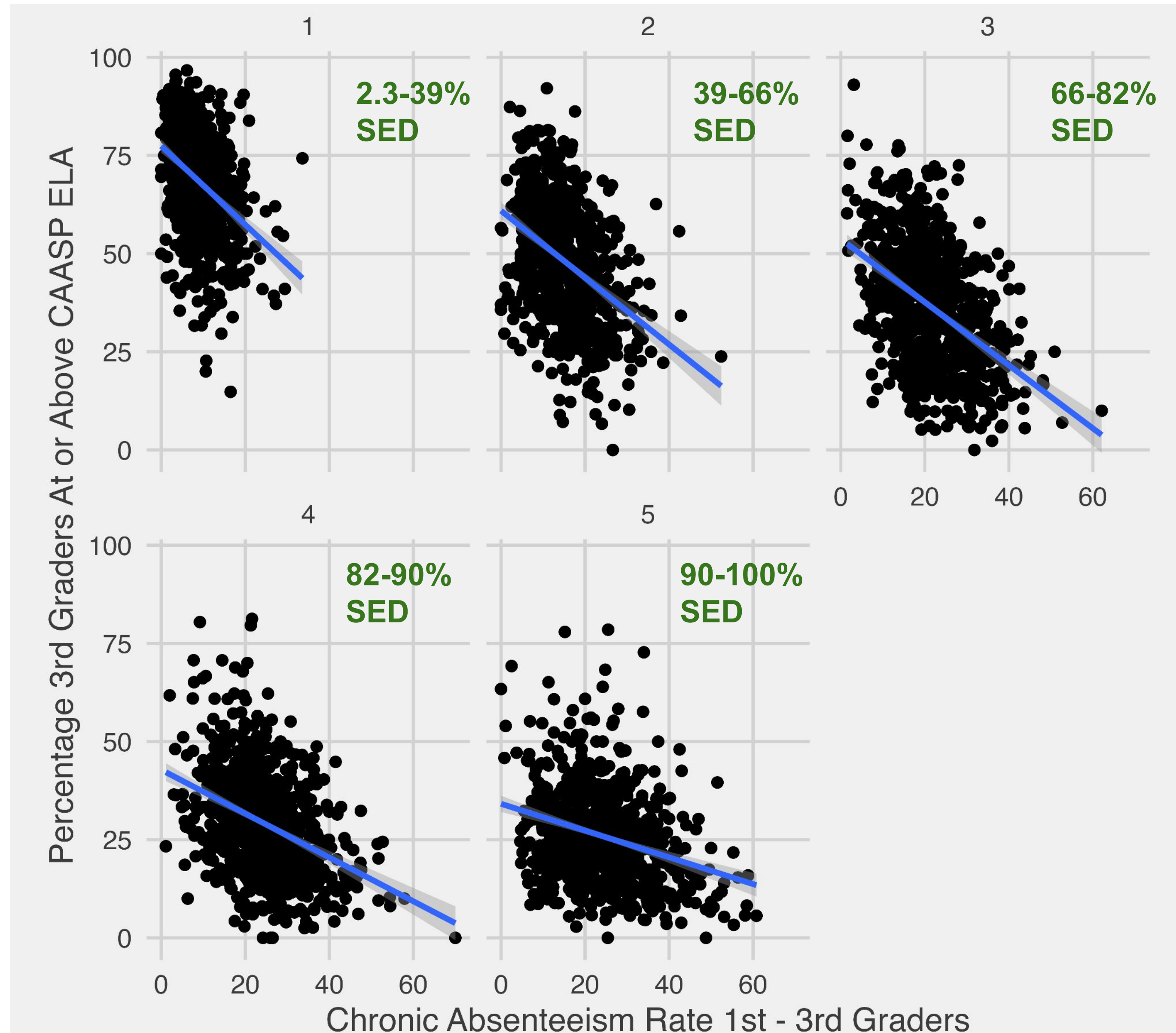


51% of 3rd grade readers reading at grade level

29% of 3rd grade readers reading at grade level

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Higher Chronic Absenteeism = Lower 3rd Grade Reading *Irrespective of Socioeconomic Disadvantage*



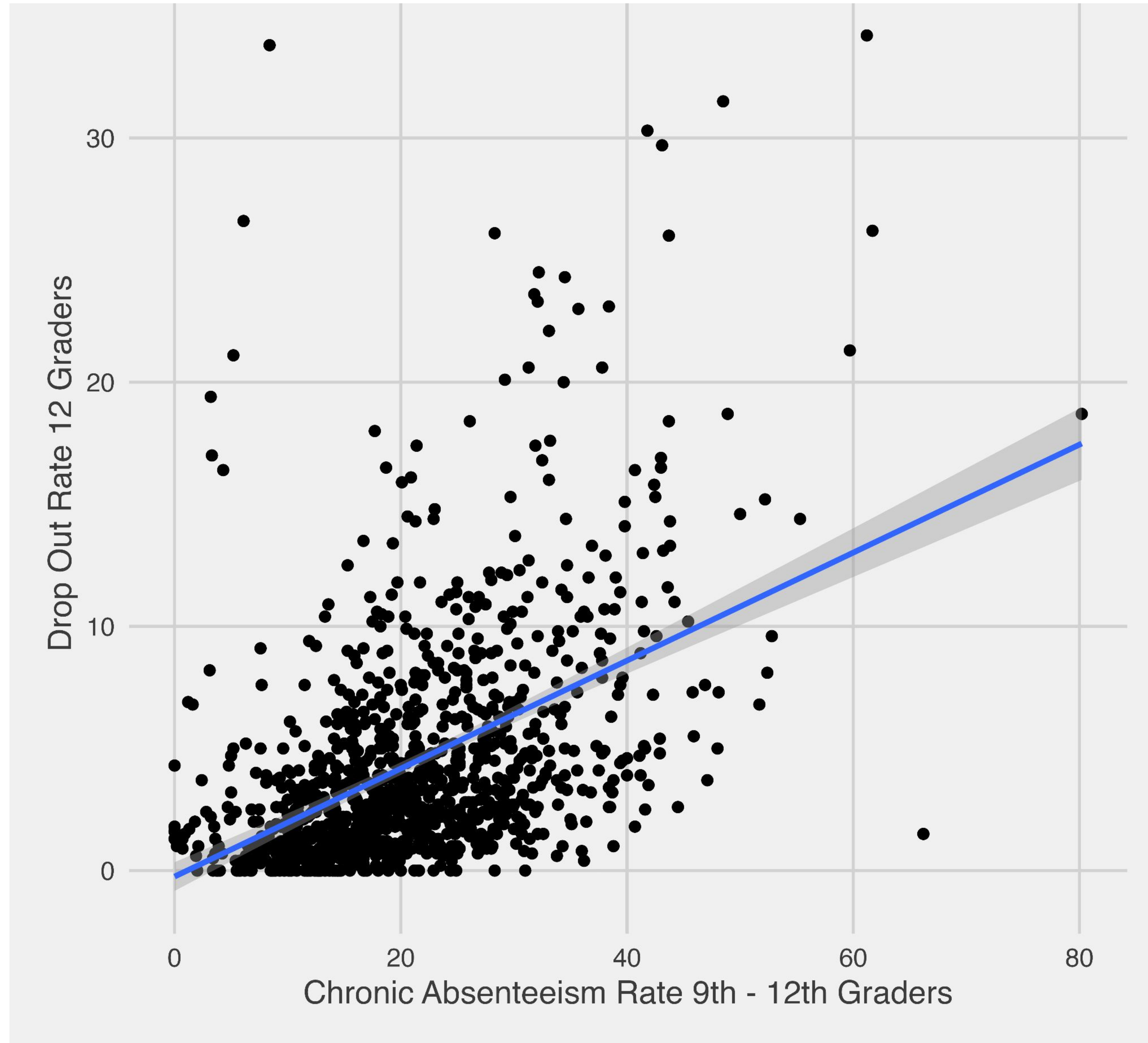
Each California elementary school is placed into five equally sized groups based on the percentage of SED students

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Lower Chronic Absenteeism = Lower Dropout Rates



Adjusted R-squared = 0.22

Source

[Graduate and Drop Out
Chronic Absenteeism](#)

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Addressing Chronic Absenteeism Is Important for Communities

Schools are a critical part of the fabric of any community. Solving chronic absenteeism means not only improving attendance **but addressing causes rooted in community challenges**--like healthcare, housing, and transportation.

