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I can hardly imagine a reason why a parent wouldn't call the school to report illness or another issue and request a notation to the same. Nor can I imagine a parent not asking for requisite homework. 100% attendance can be achieved. Using a study group to deal with this also includes: DEMOGRAPHICS. Seriously. Keep the attendance record requirements as high as possible taking into account needs and illnesses (this doesn't already exist?!)

There is this also new-fangled thing called Zoom, where students can see in real time or at a later time, the class they missed. It's inexpensive and everyone has a computer or cellphone. There is no such child with or without special needs who is so underprivileged that they do not own a phone or cannot use their parent's phone to watch the class.

As I understand it, currently Oregon high school graduation rate for the class of 2024 is 81.8%. This means that approximately 81.8% of students in Oregon are required to obtain a high school diploma. This is lower than the national average which is 91.1%.

"Do Better." We can make it to 100% but classes MUST be taught so kids that are smart can work at NASA and get MBAs. They need math! Imagine trying to be a surveyor? Imagine trying to be a math teacher? Imagine special needs kids not given the opportunity to watch, listen, and read the content?

According to Oregon, the schools are allowed to skew the data: "Oregon again says students don't need to prove mastery of reading, writing or math to graduate, citing harm to students of color." Utter baloney. THESE ARE BASIC SKILLS. Now you want to study how many hours kids can miss?

Wyoming is in the top 3 literacy rate with the lowest tax base
Oregon is in the lowest 3 literacy rate with one of the highest tax base

I am neutral because yes, I support making certain why kids are absent x amount of days. I oppose it because the study is a redundant method since the staff knows who is there and who is not. Did they stop roll call when I wasn't looking? And why are demographics included? They are sick or they have special needs/medical evals and or emergency situations.
