

Fresno Unified School District (FUSD) keeps their schools healthier with Kinsa's FLUency program



FUSD partnered with Kinsa to help prevent the spread of illness and reduce absenteeism in their schools.

Solution

Through real-time health tracking, FLUency steered the newly sick to appropriate care earlier and empowered parents, school nurses, and administrators with better information on local and school illness levels.



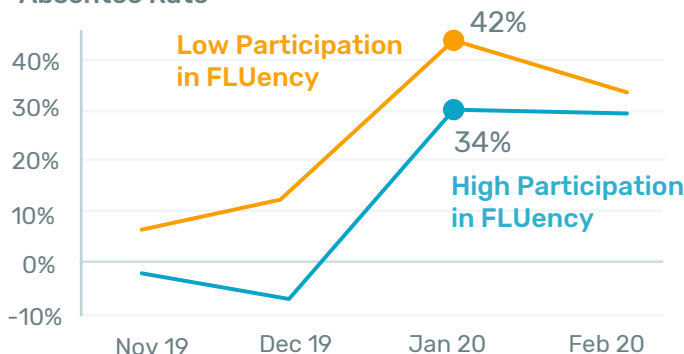
- 1 Every school family and staff member who wanted one** was given a free Kinsa Smart thermometer and connected app.
- School families and staff joined **Kinsa's communication network**: a private school dashboard powered by smart thermometers, and supplemented by emails and health alerts.
- Nurses and school administrators were able to **monitor the health of their school and message families with tips** to prevent the spread of illness in classrooms.
- Kinsa alerted the school community** to the level and severity of symptoms and illnesses going around the school and local area to help nurses, parents, and teachers react appropriately.

Key Findings

Improved Student Attendance

While absenteeism rates rose in 2019-20 due to a severe flu season, **schools with higher participation rates in FLUency experienced less absenteeism than those with lower participation rates.**

Percent Change in 2018/19 - 2019/20 Monthly Absentee Rate



Increased District Funding

If the decrease in absentee rates for high participation schools remained consistent with an expanded FLUency roll-out,* we would expect district-wide **annual savings of \$1 - 1.5M from lost state funding due to student absences.****

*Assumes all FUSD elementary students participated in FLUency

**Based on LCFF

Partner Response:



Kinsa has done a wonderful job in working with our school nurses to ensure that students stay healthy and in school. This partnership has allowed us to bring more awareness and education around student health and wellness.”

JANE BANKS, DIRECTOR OF FRESNO HEALTH SERVICES



40% more FUSD nurses proactively communicated with families about circulating illness



3 of 4 nurses agree that FLUency kept them informed about illnesses going around their school

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