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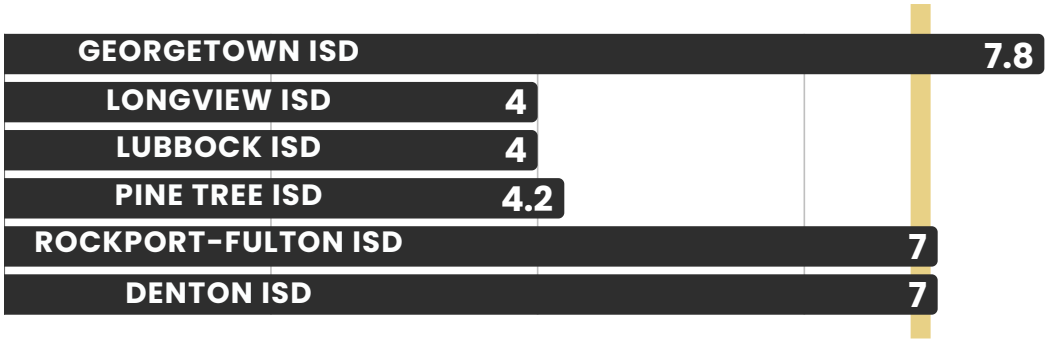
THE EFFECT OF ATHLETICS ON GPA AND ATTENDANCE

THE IMPACT OF COACHES

During the 2024–2025 school year, **Texas High School Coaches Association** partnered with EverRise to capture, strengthen, and share the story of interscholastic coaching in Texas. This groundbreaking case study, involving over **11,000 student-athletes across Texas**, shines a new light on the impact athletics has on key school accountability measures: **attendance** and **average GPA**. Throughout this project, EverRise has shared seasonal data from across the state, demonstrating the impact coaches have in their respective sports. The data snapshot below highlights results from six Texas Independent School Districts in comparison to the state average.

ATTENDANCE

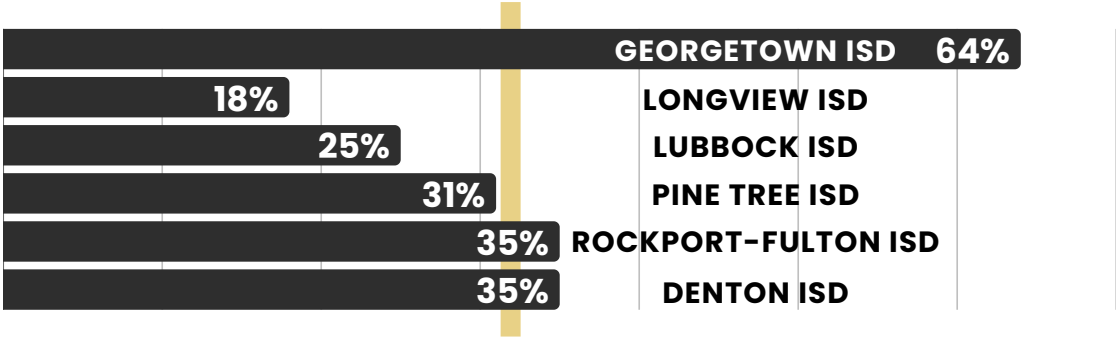
Texas state average is 7 fewer days of school missed by student-athletes per year.



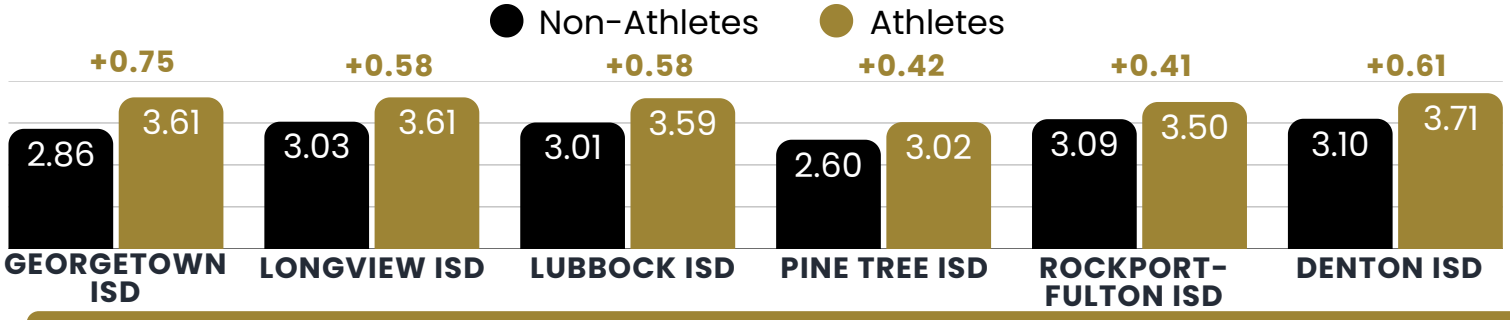
Participation in athletics is associated with stronger school attendance, as student-athletes miss fewer days of school each year than non-athletes.

Texas state average is 35% fewer absences by student-athletes per year.

Student-athletes spend more time in the classroom. Compared to non-athletes, they have a lower percentage of absences each year, creating more opportunities for learning, connection, and academic success.



GPA



Texas state average is 0.61% GPA increase from non-athletes to student-athletes per year.

Student-athletes are succeeding in the classroom as well as in competition. This data shows that student-athletes maintain higher GPAs than non-athletes, reinforcing the value of athletics as an extension of the educational experience.