

**Why is attendance so important? It has a ripple effect on everything in a child's life:**

- Students who miss 2 days of school/month are at risk of falling behind academically as compared to their peers. In fact, 2/3 of the children on Agape's caseload have unacceptable attendance rates when we begin working with them.
- Chronically absent students are 7.4 times more likely to drop out of school.
- Parents voiced their need for education for youth (along with safety, health and well being, post-secondary and employment pathways and housing stability).
- Economically disadvantaged children are 3 times more likely to be chronically absent in elementary schools than their non-economically disadvantaged peers.
- Common reasons for children not attending school include family responsibilities; transportation issues; common illnesses; behavioral issues and/or suspensions.



**What is the solution? Providing love, support, skills, encouragement and a host of social and emotional wraparound services to families and children including:**

- Dozens of Agape School Connectors working with hundreds of children and their families in elementary, middle and high schools
- Parental engagement, education, support, encouragement, accountability
- Facilitating *nurturing communities* through an on-site presence in apartment communities in under-resourced areas of the city
- Hundreds of volunteers engaged in after-school, site-based tutoring; mentoring; reading interventions; in-school tutoring; and more

**Serving in partnership with 16 schools through Agape's Two-Generation (2Gen), place-based paradigm**

**Frayser:** Frayser ES, Corning ES, Georgian Hills ES, Whitney ES, Westside MS, MLK Preparatory HS

**Hickory Hill/SE Memphis:** Hickory Ridge ES, Sheffield ES, Winridge ES, American Way MS, Hickory Ridge Middle, Sheffield HS, Wooddale HS

**Whitehaven:** Robert R. Church ES, A. Maceo Walker MS, Hillcrest HS

*No longer performing in the bottom 5% of TN schools (2018) Currently performing in the bottom 5% of TN schools (5 are new to Agape in 2018/19)*

Stars Outcomes by School Year	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
<b>Acceptable Levels of Attendance</b> % of caseload students with acceptable attendance rate (90%+). <b>GOAL: 65%</b>	N/A	65%	70%	79%	85%	76%	76%
<b>Behavior</b> % of caseload students with acceptable behavior (no referrals or suspensions). <b>GOAL: 60%</b>	51%	74%	58%	62%	65%	77%	90%
<b>Parental Engagement</b> % of caseload students with parents/family who attend school meetings and functions. <b>GOAL: 65%</b>	50%	60%	71%	84%	72%	76%	38%
<b>Academic Improvement</b> Academic improvement is measured as a collective impact goal with schools through Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) and other standardized data. <b>GOAL: 10% gains</b>	Improved from 14% reading proficiency to 60%.	% of caseload students who improved: Reading: 79% Math: 94% Language: 82%	Reading: 7% Math: 8%	Reading: 10.3% Math: 10.8%	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Graduation and College Enrollment Rates</b> Graduation Rate College Enrollment	--- ---	--- ---	--- ---	100% 93%	100% N/A	97% N/A	N/A N/A
<b>Total # of Youth/Parents Served</b>	<b>113/90</b>	<b>370/222</b>	<b>380/268</b>	<b>465/389</b>	<b>566/466</b>	<b>737/492</b>	<b>1117/893</b>

**About Agape:** Agape Child & Family Services is a faith-based, non-profit organization dedicated to providing children and families in Memphis with healthy homes. Agape serves thousands of local children and families each year in an effort to keep them safe, smart, and successful by providing services in under-resourced communities. Services include early childhood programs, school-based initiatives, workforce readiness, homeless services, counseling, adoption, and foster care. In partnership with the Tennessee Department of Human Services, Agape and its community partners have expanded services via a two-generation model, wholly serving youth and parents in a poverty-reduction strategy, providing support, permanency, and sustainability in Frayser, Hickory Hill, and Whitehaven. To learn more, call 901.323.3600 or visit [www.agapemeanslove.org](http://www.agapemeanslove.org).