

*Nenana Student Living Center's Response to HJR 5:  
Vitamin D supplement program & student absences*

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Dear Taneeka,

I have attached a sheet with the Vitamin D data from the Nenana Student Living Center. We compared students who live at the Nenana Student Living Center that take Vitamin D to students who live there and don't have parental permission to take Vitamin D. This is the first year we have done this. Students who take Vitamin D miss less days due to illness.

Of the 18 students who have parental permission to be given Vitamin D every day\* this year, we also compared the absences due to illness this year with their absences due to illness last year, when we did not offer Vitamin D to our kids. There were 8 students who take Vitamin D this year that were also at the Nenana Student Living Center last year when Vitamin D was not available to kids. Absences due to illness has improved for these kids as well.

If you have any questions about this data or if you can think of any other kinds of comparisons that might help, please let me know. Personally, I take Vitamin D every day and it sure seems like it helps me.

Please let Representative Seaton know that I will help him in any way I can.

Thanks,  
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\*We give 1000 IU of Vitamin D, once a day.

## NSLC – Vitamin D Data

Total NSLC student count: 68

Vitamin D participants: 18

Non-participants: 50

### Participating Statistics

Absent days due to illness:

0 days - 40%

1 day - 11%

2 days - 5%

3 days - 11%

4 days - 17%

5 days - 11%

6 days - 5% (most days missed)

Total days absent by group:

38 days / 1572 total

2.4 %

### Non-Participating Statistics

Absent days due to illness:

0 days - 26%

1 day - 14%

2 days - 16%

3 days - 8%

4 days - 14%

5 days - 8%

6 days - 2%

8 days - 4%

9 days - 2%

10 days - 4%

12 days - 2% (most days missed)

Total days absent by group:

145 days / 4517 total

3.2%

This data is based on the first 100 days of school for 2012-13. Transfer student data was based on actual days in membership. This data was generated specifically for days absent due to illness, and does not include absences for doctor's appointments, or other appointments.

### Comparison Data for Returning Student Participants

Number of Returning Students: 8

2011-12 Absent days due to illness:

0 days - 25%

2 days - 12.5%

3 days - 25%

4 days - 12.5%

7 days - 12.5%

13 days - 12.5% (most days missed)

Total days absent by group:

32 days / 1288 total

2.5%

2012-13 Absent days due to illness:

0 days - 62.5%

2 days - 12.5%

3 days - 12.5%

4 days - 12.5% (most days missed)

Total days absent by group:

9 days / 800 total

1.1%

This data is based on 170 school days for 2011-12, and the first 100 days of 2012-13.