Mental Health Benefits: Education Industry Benchmarking Report

How well does the education industry support mental health?

Given high burnout and turnover in the education industry in recent years, employers have prioritized mental health benefits, but how does the education industry measure up according to its employees? Often employees feel they have to quit their job when they burn out, but this doesn’t need to be the case if employers offered more preventive mental health benefits to manage stress, anxiety, and sleep before they burn out.

But are education employers offering these key preventive benefits, such as tools to address stress and anxiety and programs to train empathetic managers? If so, are employees even aware of those benefits? We asked 2000+ employees in the general population of the US and uncovered how education stacks up against other industries.

**Education tops the list** when it comes to employees saying they’re feeling depressed and hopeless relative to other industries, and also has **higher than average stress and sleep challenges**.

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**Which industries have the most mental health challenges?**

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AVG: 37% below average, 40% average, 43% above average

*Health challenges experienced “more than half the days” or “nearly every day” per month.
Source: US General Population Survey conducted by Calm, October 2022
But education shows up at the bottom of the list when it comes to providing adequate mental health preventive benefits, according to employees.

With high mental needs, but the least access to mental health tools, here are some of the mental health benefits education employees wish they had.

Managers are supportive
Forty-five percent said their manager supports their mental health—right around the overall industry average.

Despite high level of stress, least access to mental health solutions
Only 22% reported access to such tools—way below the overall industry average of 32%.

And managers are mindful
And 36% said their employer offers training on how to be a mindful manager, above the overall industry average of 28%.

Employer help wanted
Education employees reported the highest demand for their employer to offer mental health support (52%), across all industries.

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