

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



DID YOU KNOW? IMPORTANT FACTS

You Should Know About Your Child's Attendance

Across the US, more than 8 million students miss so many days of school that they are academically at risk. Chronic absence — missing 10 percent or more of school days for any reason—excused, unexcused absences and suspensions, can result in students not reading on grade level. Beginning in kindergarten, missing 10% of school (or just 2 days every month) can diminish a child's ability to learn vital skills each year, causing them to fall behind in school. Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. Half the students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school. Parents, especially in the early years, are able to ensure good attendance early on and build expectations for attendance in the future.

Parents, help your child succeed by expecting them to attend school even when they don't want to. We invite you to join us and be part of the solution. You can help reduce anxiety by having them attend daily. Your child will feel connected socially and academically when they attend school regularly. Learning doesn't happen in an empty seat. Attending today will help them succeed in the future!

Absenteeism and resulting problems start early. One in 10 kindergarten and first grade students are chronically absent.

Poor attendance influences whether a child reads proficiently by third grade.

By 6th grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.

Attendance improves with parent participation and encouragement.

Attendance matters now!