

Attendance Matters

Missing just 2 days per month can impact academic success



Did You Know?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track for graduation.
- Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, or facing some other potentially serious difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, regular attendance is a predictor of graduation rates.
- Missing 10 percent (about 18 days) of the school year can drastically affect a student's academic success.
- Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child graduate from college and keep a job.

What Can You Do?

Make school attendance a priority.

Help your student maintain daily attendance routines.

Help your student stay engaged in school.

Know the school attendance policy

Encourage meaningful afterschool activities, including sports and clubs.

Communicate with the school.

Try not to schedule medical and dental appointments during the school day.



Chronic Absenteeism: 18 or more days. Lost classroom time is lost opportunities to learn. Missing just one day every two weeks adds up to 18 days in a year.



Warning: 10 to 17 days. Students who miss an average of 15 days a year will miss a whole year's worth of school before their senior year.



Good Attendance: 9 or fewer absences. Students with good attendance generally have higher grades and enjoy school more. Students benefit from attending school regularly and on time.