



**SHOW
UP!**
for school

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Make sure your student shows up on time, every day.

DID YOU KNOW?

- **Missing just two days a month means your child misses 10 percent of the school year.**
- **Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.**
- **Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.**
- **Being late to school disrupts the start of class and can make your child miss important lessons.**
- **Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.**
- **Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.**



NEW HANOVER COUNTY SCHOOLS



Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school – and themselves.

Start building this habit early so they can learn right away that going to school on time and every day is important.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- ✓ Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- ✓ Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- ✓ Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots.
- ✓ Send your child the message that school is a fun place. Introduce your child to his/her teachers and classmates before school starts to help her transition.
- ✓ Bring your child to school unless he/she is sick. If you have questions about the severity of sickness consult your school nurse.
- ✓ If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or social workers for advice on how to make him/her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- ✓ Plan medical appointments and extended trips when school is closed or not in session.
- ✓ Keep track of how many days your child has missed and how many times they've been late.

