

GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

read well by the end of third grade



MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

pass important courses



HIGH SCHOOLERS

stay on track for graduation



COLLEGE STUDENTS

earn their degrees



WORKERS

succeed in their jobs

Too many absences - *excused or unexcused* - can keep students from succeeding in school and in life!

How many are too many?

10% of the school year - that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month - can knock students off track.



SUPPORT RESOURCES

For information, resources, flyers, and more visit:

- www.oshkosh.k12.wi.us (click on Attendance Matters under the Families menu)
- www.attendanceworks.org

Contact your child's school if you are in need of additional attendance resources or support.

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW



**School attendance
and
student achievement
go hand-in-hand!**

WHY IT MATTERS

The Oshkosh Area School District is committed to ensuring all students succeed. Attendance has been proven to be one of the most powerful predictors of academic achievement and can have a dramatic impact on key milestones - including third-grade reading, ninth-grade achievement, high school graduation, and postsecondary persistence.

Many families don't realize how quickly absences can add up to academic struggles. The District believes that an awareness of absenteeism and its potential impact will empower students, families, and community partners to make informed decisions regarding missing school.



WHAT YOU CAN DO

Improving attendance is not rocket science, but it does take commitment and collaboration - at home, at school, and in the community. Together we can make a difference!



MAKE & STICK TO A PLAN

- Establish a bedtime and morning routine
- Create a backup plan for getting to school in case something comes up
- Try to schedule appointments before school, after school, during days off, or in the summer



TALK ABOUT IT

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day
- Talk with your student to see how they are feeling about school
- Keep track of your student's attendance



WORK TOGETHER

- Reach out to school staff, other parents or community agencies if you need help

KEY TERMS

Absence: Any time a student is not in school when school is in session.

Absenteeism: The practice of regularly staying away from school without good reason.

Chronic Absenteeism: A student is considered chronically absent if they miss more than 10% of possible attendance days (has an attendance rate that is rounded to 89% or below).

Truancy: A student is considered truant if they are absent without an acceptable excuse for all or part of one or more days during which school is held.

Habitual Truancy: A student is considered habitually truant when they are absent without an acceptable excuse for all or part of five or more days in a school semester.

Tardy: A student is considered tardy if they arrive to class after the bell rings without a pass. If it is more than 10 minutes late, they would be considered unexcused.



DID YOU KNOW?

By 6th grade chronic absence is a clear predictor that students may drop out of school.

Chronic absence affects all kids, not just those who are absent.