



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

Regular school attendance is one of the most simple and impactful ways to set your child up for success in school and life!

## TIPS FOR PARENTS:

- Set attendance goals with your child or track attendance on a calendar
- Help your child get a good night's sleep
- Prep the night before and set a morning routine to streamline your morning
- Try to schedule medical or dental appointments before or after school hours
- Schedule trips during school breaks
- Don't let your child stay home unless they are truly sick
- Talk with your child about the reasons they may not want to go to school
- For students who have chronic health issues, talk with their pediatrician about developing a plan for school
- Know school start times and contact the school if your child will be late or absent
- Encourage your child to get involved with after-school activities

# DID YOU KNOW?

Students who miss 18 school days or more during a school year (about 2 days per month) are considered chronically absent



By 3rd grade, students who are chronically absent are much more likely to be reading below grade level

By 6th grade, students who are chronically absent are more likely to drop out of school



By 9th grade, attendance is a better indicator of graduation rates and failing grades than 8th grade test scores



Chronic absenteeism is linked with teen substance abuse and poor health as adults

## ABSENCES ADD UP!

Students who miss only 2 days of school per month starting in kindergarten...

- Will have missed about a month of school by the end of kindergarten
- Will have missed nearly a half year of school by the end of 3rd grade
- Will have missed a full year of school by the end of 8th grade
- Will have missed over a year and a half of school by the end of 12th grade

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