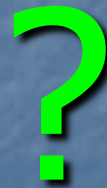


# Raise Your Child's Attendance, -Raise their Chances!

What does "*Good attendance*"  
mean?



- Do you know what your child's attendance is?
- Do you know what it means?



This is Johnny. He is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader and has 90% attendance.

- Is that good?
- What does this mean?





Johnny thinks 90% attendance is pretty good. So do his parents.  
Are they right?

**90%** attendance = **1/2 day missed**  
every week!!

(Would your boss like you to be off work this much??). That's practically part time!



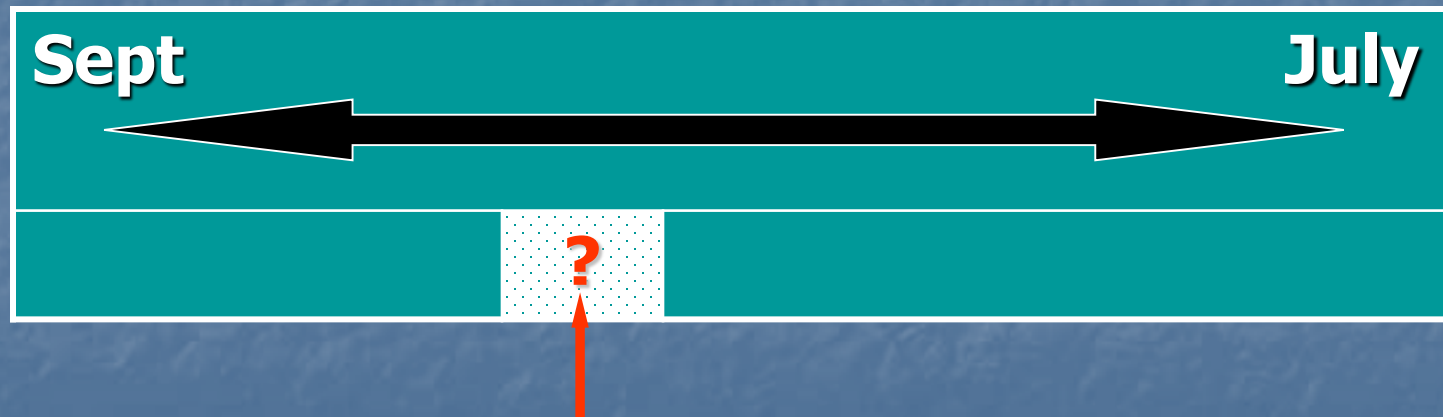
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**Absent half a day every week**

# Let's look a little closer.....

**1 school year** at **90%** attendance = **4** whole weeks of lessons **MISSED!!!**

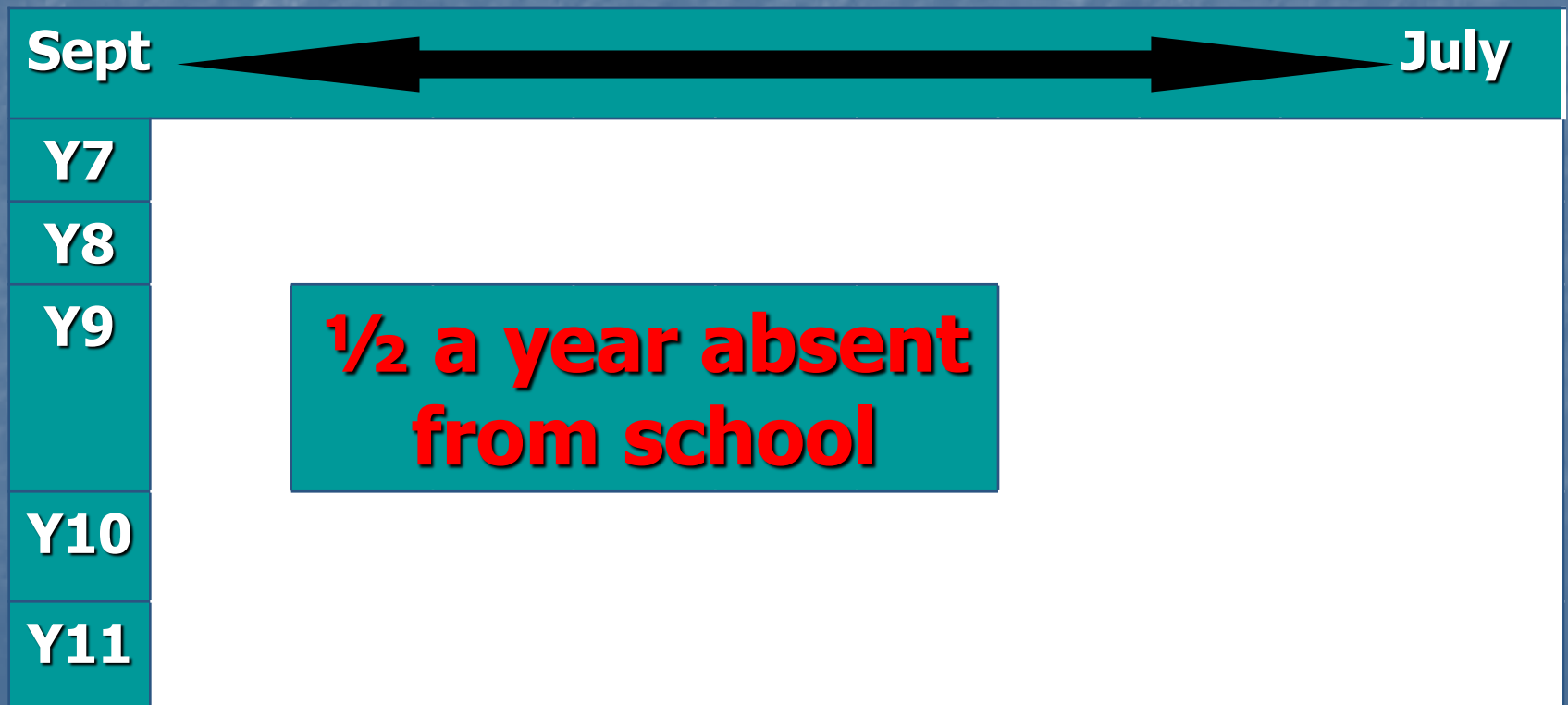
38 school weeks



Absent for 4 weeks

**90%** attendance over **5** years of secondary school....

= **1/2** a school **year missed!**







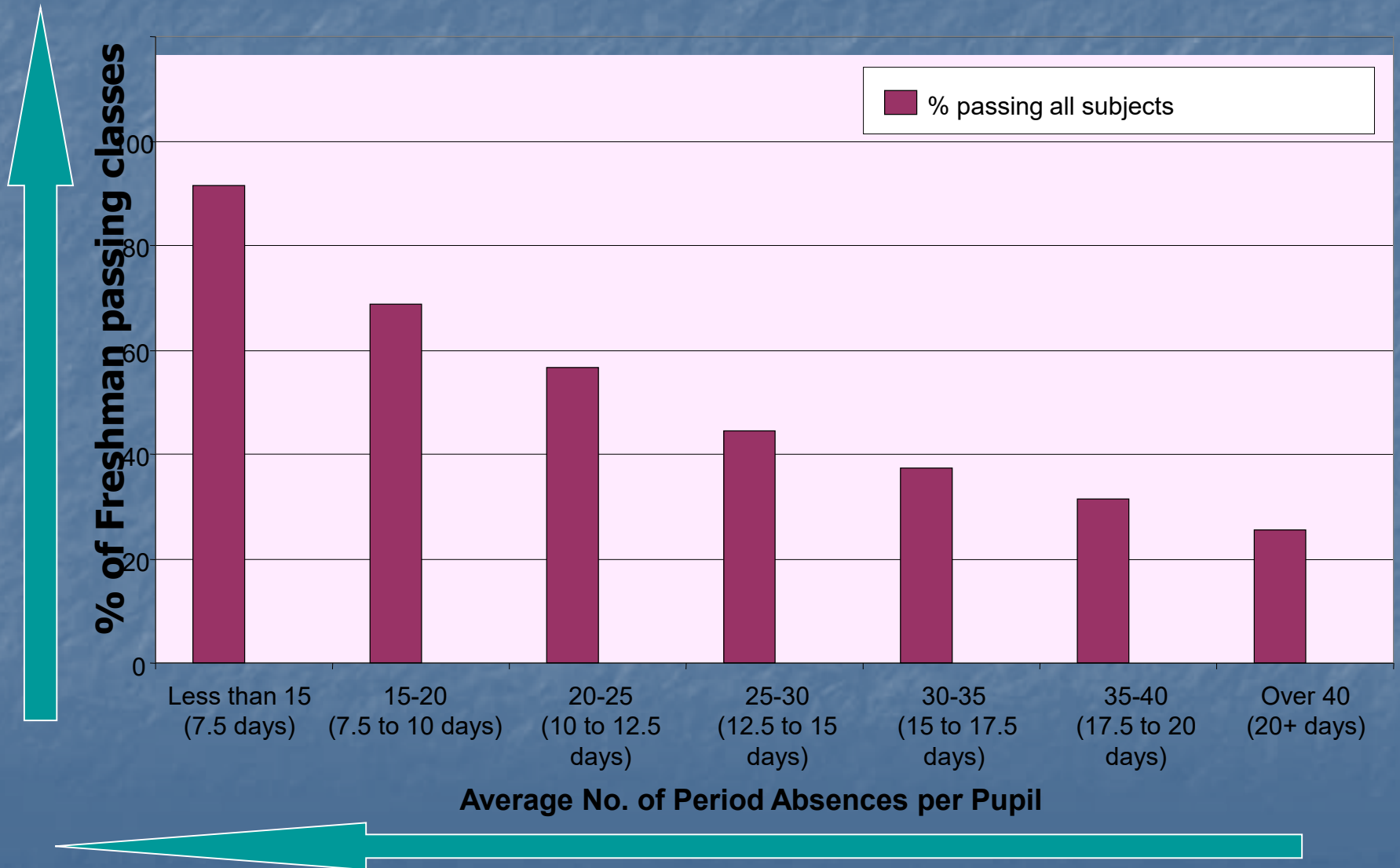
What impact might this have on Johnny's life.....?

Research suggests that even **6 missed school days** a year = **DROP** in academic achievement.

The greater the attendance the greater the achievement.



# Secondary School Performance by Average Absence Sessions

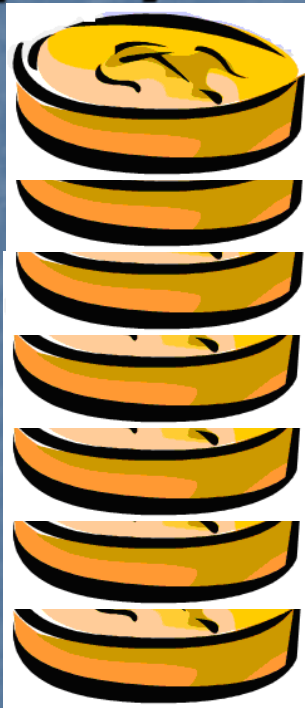




# What could potential earnings look like?

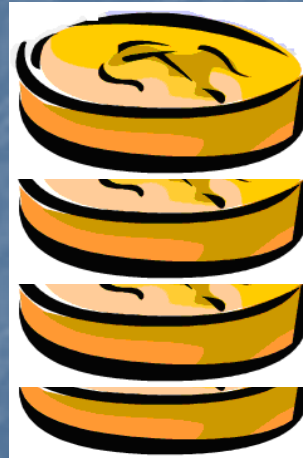
College Graduate

**\$45,000+  
per year**



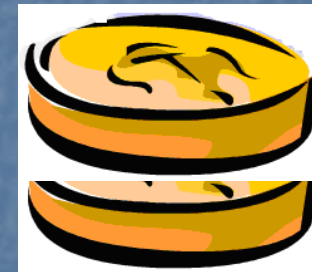
High School Graduate

**\$25,000  
per year**



High School Dropout

**Poverty  
Level!-  
Less  
than  
\$15,000  
per year.**



Potential Earnings, average per year

Qualifications

**What do you want for your child?**

So **90%** is **not** as good as it first seemed.

What can **I** do as a parent to increase my child's attendance?



# Ways for parents to encourage attendance:

1. **MOST IMPORTANT!** Only grant days at home for genuine illness. You will know if they are ill, but if in doubt, bring them to school and have the Health Clerk check!
2. Check on your child's attendance record and verify that it matches with your **own record.**





# Ways for parents to encourage attendance:

3. **Talk regularly with your child about school** and how they feel about it. They are more likely to attend if they feel supported.



4. **Phone** us as soon as possible to tell us why your child is absent and when you expect them to return.



5. **Avoid** taking holidays or vacation trips during school time.





# Ways for parents to encourage attendance:

6. Know **routines** of the school **day** to avoid issues (e.g. do they have their PE clothes?)
7. If you have concerns **call us** – we will **check** attendance and be discreet.
8. **PRAISE AND REWARD GOOD ATTENDANCE:** good attendance, including promptness, should be recognized so your child sees how important it is to be in school everyday!

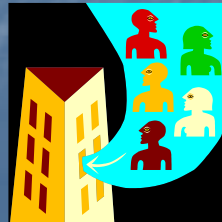


# Other tips to help secure good attendance:

1. If there is a **problem** with your child's attendance, **talk calmly** to your child and **listen** to the **explanation**. Cries for help can be manifested in various ways. Pursuing the **reason** for non attendance is **important**.



2. Talk to us to **resolve** issues. We may be able to help and support you and your child. You are **not alone**.



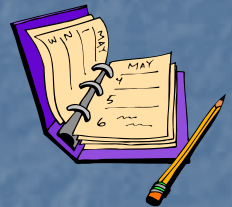


# Other tips to help secure good attendance:

3. Be particularly watchful and supportive in your child's participation in school and be aware of coursework **deadlines**.



4. Check homework regularly as well as AERIES.net portal to see how your child is progressing in school.



5. **Assist your child to make sure they catch up** on missed work. An absence does not mean missed work.

6. Remember **PRAISE** for good attendance.

# Attend and Achieve!



- If a school can **improve** attendance by **1%**, they could see a **5-6%** (or more) improvement in **Test Scores! So will your child!**
- Please **help** us and **your child** by ensuring their attendance remains above **96%**, allowing them to **achieve** their potential.

