

# Every Minute Counts!

How much instructional time can a student lose in a school year arriving

**5** minutes late to school?



**K-3<sup>rd</sup> Regular Schedule**  
295 minutes=1 school day

- 5 x 18 late arrivals (avg. 2 times a month) = **90 minutes**
- 5 x 29 late arrivals (avg. 3 times a month) = **½ school day**
- 5 x 59 late arrivals (avg. 6 times a month) = **1 school day**
- 5 x 88 late arrivals (avg. 8 times a month) = **1 ½ school days**

**4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Regular Schedule**  
350 minutes= 1 school day

- 5 x 18 late arrivals (avg. 2 times a month) = **90 minutes**
- 5 x 35 late arrivals (avg. 3 times a month) = **½ school day**
- 5 x 70 late arrivals (avg. 7 times a month) = **1 school day**
- 5 x 90 late arrivals (avg. 9 times a month) = **1 ½ school days**

Arriving five minutes late to school every day (5 x 180) = **900 minutes!**  
That is equivalent to approximately **3 school days of instructional time lost.**

When students arrive on time to school, they have the advantage of enjoying more time to prepare, never missing important information, and developing positive lifelong habits!



## Helpful tips to prevent tardiness:

- Prepare backpack, clothes, and shoes the night before
- Establish reasonable bedtime
- Set morning alarm
- Establish morning routines