

HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED IN SCHOOL

Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

DID YOU KNOW?

Regular and on-time attendance is important to your child's success at school, starting in pre-K and kindergarten. Research strongly supports the connection between your child's sense of belonging, academic achievement and attendance.

- Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves.
- Students need time to build relationships with their teachers and fellow students.
- Missing 10%, or about two days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just one or two days every few weeks.
- Students develop the habits of good attendance and punctuality for high school and beyond.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

In elementary school, parents/guardians are key players in reinforcing habits of good attendance and punctuality.

- Introduce your kids to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before school.
- Develop contingency plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, neighbor or another parent.
- Schedule medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to their teacher, counselor or principal about how to make them feel more comfortable and excited about learning.

