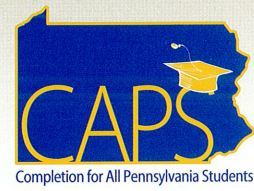


# How can families support students to graduate? Check the A-B-Cs!



*Graduating from high school takes more than just passing classes.*

**A student has a 75% chance of dropping out of school if:**  
he or she is absent two or more days a month, fails language arts and/or math,  
and has behavior that is interfering with success at school.

# A

## Attendance

*Is your student missing two or more days of school a month?*

### How can I help with attendance?

- Ensure your student gets adequate sleep and arrives on time each day for school.
- Talk to the school about its attendance requirements, rules, and policies.
- Inform the school immediately if issues arise that may affect attendance.
- Check in with teachers about your student's attendance and participation.
- If possible, consider scheduling doctors' appointments and trips after school hours or when school is not in session.

# B

## Behavior

*Is behavior interfering with student success at school?*

### How can I help with behavior?

- Be a good listener and make yourself available to talk about relationships with friends.
- Encourage your student to get involved in school or community activities, clubs, and organizations.
- Attend school activities, events, and conferences as much as possible.
- Let the school know of any concerns or changes at home that may affect behaviors at school.
- Be alert to any change in behavior such as, isolation, depression, use of drugs/alcohol, and/or bullying.

# C

## Course Performance

*Is the student passing all classes?*

### How can I help with course performance?

- Discuss the graduation requirements with the school, including how many credits and courses are needed for graduation.
- Review grades and progress for all courses. Find out what supports are available and who to contact about help with coursework and homework.
- Learn about college and career opportunities by asking the school about visiting universities, tech schools, and job sites. Also, participate in college and job fairs.
- Regularly participate in conferences and meetings related to your student.

**Check off ways that lead to success and graduation!**

For additional information to increase graduation rates, including an Early Warning System Data Analysis Protocol for Individual Students: [www.pattan.net](http://www.pattan.net)