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In School, On Time, EVERY DAY! Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

DID YOU KNOW?

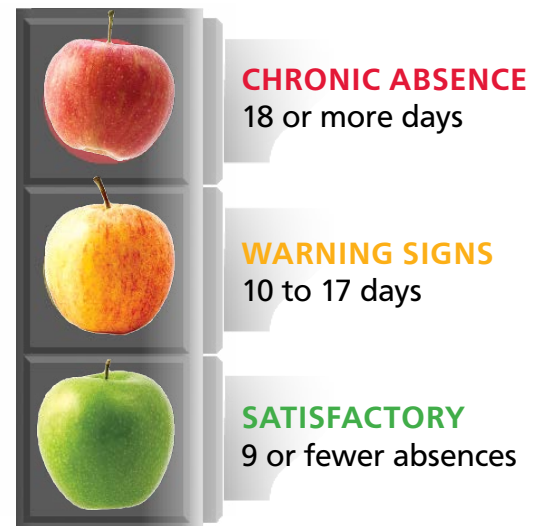
- Learners who miss less than 2 days/month tend to do better in school, even as early as preschool and kindergarten!
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, may make it harder to learn to read.
- Learners who miss just 1-2 days every few weeks have the potential to fall behind.
- Being frequently late to school may negatively impact academic performance.
- Absences and tardiness can impact the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so your child learns right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually, good attendance will be a skill that will help your child succeed in high school and college.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-urgent related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have a contagious illness, call your school or health care provider for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.