



# VCS All Day, Every day! Attendance Matters!

## ***Our Goal:***

In Volusia County Schools it is our mission to reduce chronic absenteeism and empower parents and community members in Volusia County to champion regular school attendance for student success.

## ***Why It Matters:***

- Empowering Futures: Regular attendance fuels academic achievement and prepares students for future success.
- Building Confidence: Students thrive when they feel supported and engaged every day in their learning journey.

## ***Initiative Components:***

- Parent Empowerment: Providing workshops and resources that equip parents with knowledge and tools to support their child's attendance.
- Inspiration Through Awareness: Campaigns that inspire families with stories of success and the transformative power of consistent school attendance.
- Community Unity: Partnering with local organizations to foster a supportive environment that encourages and celebrates attendance milestones.

## ***Key Talking Points:***

- Every Day Matters: Each day our schools build essential skills and knowledge critical for lifelong achievement.
- Family First: Parents are the first teachers and role models in nurturing a love for learning and dedication to attendance.
- Together, We Succeed: By working together as a community, we create a foundation where every child can thrive and will succeed.

## ***Impact:***

- Pathways to Success: Early intervention and support pave the way for brighter academic and career futures.
- Strength in Unity: Strengthening community ties to uplift and empower every student to reach their full potential.

## **CHRONIC ABSENCES**

### **18 OR MORE DAYS**

- Excused and unexcused absences represent lost time in the classroom and lost opportunities to learn.
- Missing just one day every two weeks can add up to 18 days in a year. Absences add up before you even know it.

## **WARNING**

### **10 TO 17 DAYS**

- Students who are absent an average of 15 days a year miss a year's worth of school before their senior year.
- When students miss a day of school it actually puts them two days behind their classmates.

## **GOOD ATTENDANCE**

### **9 OR FEWER ABSENCES**

- Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.
- Children benefit and make the most of their educational opportunities if they attend regularly and on time.