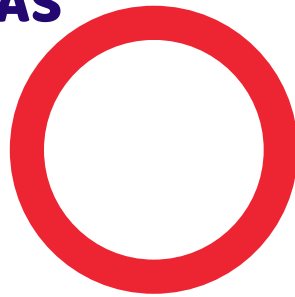


Give your child the best
that education has to offer.



School success starts
with attendance

YOUR CHILD HAS



ABSENCES

*If improvement is not noted, an
Attendance Meeting will be scheduled.



**HELP YOUR CHILD
SUCCEED IN SCHOOL!**



**Attendance
Works**

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ATTENDANCE AWARENESS



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ATTEND TODAY,
ACHIEVE TOMORROW

Did you know?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

Why it matters..

- If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.
- Preliminary data from a California study found that children who were chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade were far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



CHRONIC ABSENCE

18 or more days

WARNING SIGNS

10 to 17 days

GOOD ATTENDANCE

9 or fewer absences

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

What you can do:

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out materials the night before and make sure devices are charged.
- Don't let your child miss school. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to miss school.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.
- Partner with your school if you have any difficulties or needs impacting your child's ability to attend school.