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IDEAS FOR STUDENTS IN

Preschool, Kindergarten or Grades 1-4

You are your child's biggest advocate. Help your child Stay in the Game! and keep learning every day, so they are challenged, prepared and empowered for the future.

DidYouKNOW?

Learning every day helps your child understand the importance of attendance at a young age.

Missing two days of school per month (missing 10% or more of school) is enough to cause a student to become chronically absent. Chronic absence in the early grades can make it more difficult for students to succeed in middle school and high school.

Ohio students who were never chronically absent were **6.7 times more likely** to achieve reading success by the end of third grade than their peers who were chronically absent at least once in kindergarten through third grade.

Students are more likely to participate, focus and learn in classrooms if they feel safe (emotionally and physically), connected, supported and believe they can learn and achieve.

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP YOUR CHILD GET TO SCHOOL AND STAY IN THE GAME!

Discuss Attendance Goals

- Sing, dance and celebrate the importance of staying in the game and learning every day with your child. Make learning fun!
- Talk to your child's teacher or principal about attendance and any problems your child may have staying in the game.
- Make sure you know the attendance policies at your child's school, including what to do if they have to miss school, incentives and the outcomes of missed attendance.
- Stay informed and fully understand any learning platforms that your child uses and know how to access information such as attendance, assignments and grades.
- Monitor your child's learning pace and progress across all courses for attendance, participation and performance. Also, seek their teacher's help as soon as your child starts to fall behind.

Develop Smart Routines

- Talk to your child and reinforce the importance of hand washing, cough and sneeze etiquette.
- Prioritize the importance of a good night's sleep: school works the brain and the brain needs rest.
- Create a learning schedule with your child to help keep them on task and set reminders for completing and turning in assignments.
- Monitor your child's online activities, know your child's friends and understand their social interactions.
- Encourage movement and physical activities such as walking/running, playing sports, dancing, and creative ways of learning in the outdoors.
- Create an environment that is comfortable and free of distractions such as high noise level and clutter.



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Additional steps you can take to help your child get to school and Stay in the Game!

Plan Schedules Accordingly

- Make sure your child has required medical examinations. Keep up with your child's well-being check-ups and schedule medical appointments after school or outside of the school day, when possible.
- Schedule vacations when school is not in session.

Track Missed Days

- Complete the Stay in the Game! Attendance Tracker with your child on a regular basis.
- The attendance tracker will help you see and track how much school your child has missed.

Connect with Educators

- Check-in regularly to monitor progress and follow up with your child's teacher if he or she misses school.
- Let someone at school know if you are having trouble getting your child to school or obtaining resources—whether you face issues with internet connectivity, food, transportation, child care or something else.
- Make sure all your contact information is up to date with your child's school and maintain frequent contact with their teacher.

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