



Attendance Matters

Every day, every minute makes a difference!

COVID & Absences



- COVID symptoms or testing positive for COVID is an excused absence

ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

read well by the end of third grade



MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

pass important courses



HIGH SCHOOLERS

stay on track for graduation



COLLEGE STUDENTS

earn their degrees



WORKERS

succeed in their jobs

Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year—that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track.



My child is
only a few
minutes
late...

What Sort of Start is Your Child Getting?

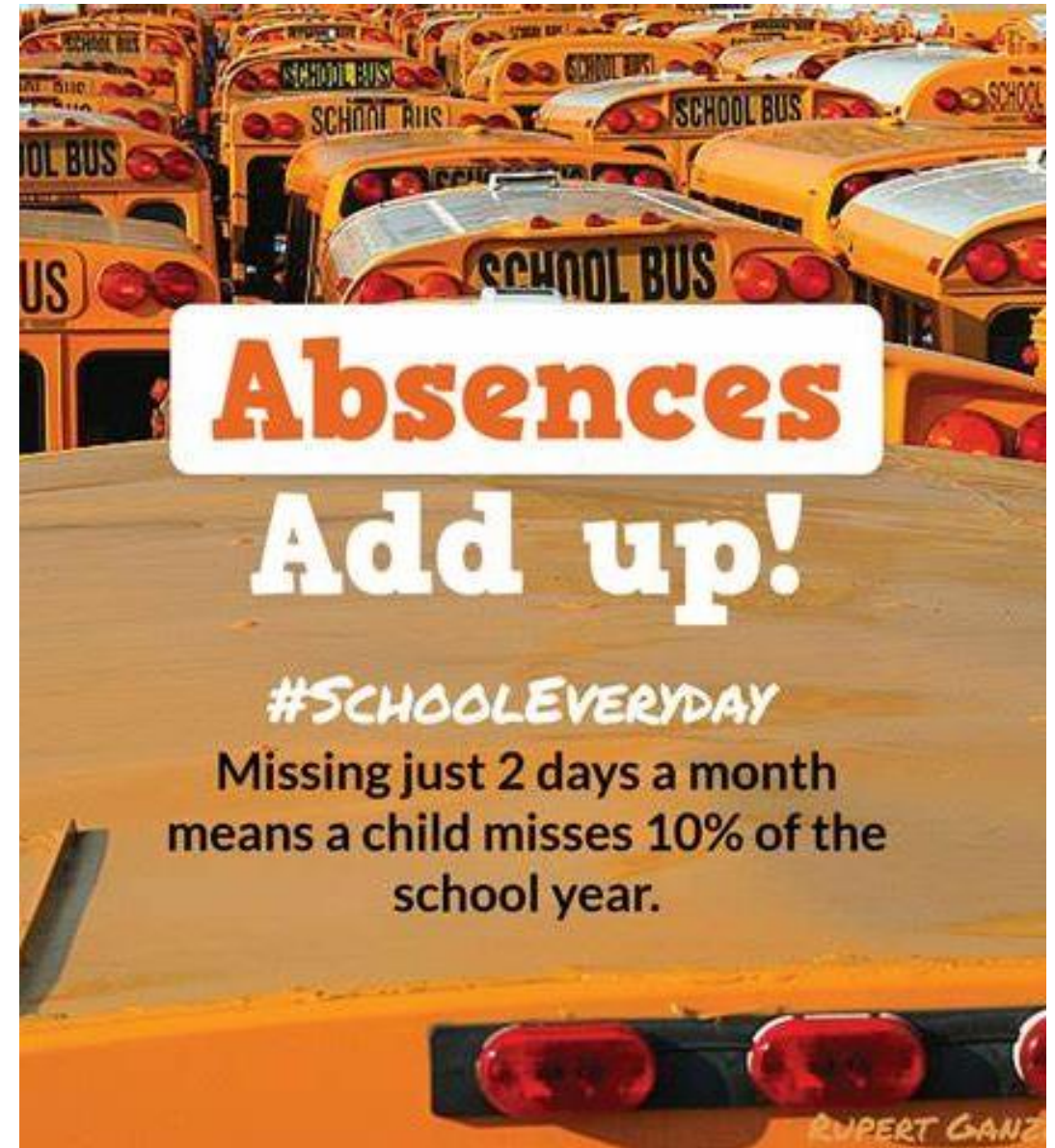
Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

He/ She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>Half a year</u>
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 year</u>
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per Year	Nearly <u>1 and a Half years</u>
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over <u>2 and a Half years</u>

Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That's when every minute counts the most!!

But my child
only misses a
couple days a
month...



Learning Loss Adds Up

Surely 1 or 2 days absent a week doesn't seem much but this is how it is..

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days	Weeks	Lessons
	Absent	Absent	Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

89% & Below
Drastic effect on
academic achievement

95%-90%
Cause for
concern

100%-96%
Excellent





Excused

- Illness
- Medical, dental, optometry, chiropractic
- Quarantine
- Funeral of immediate family member

Excused Absences

Excused that must be requested in writing

- Court appearances
- Other funeral
- Religious holiday or ceremony
- Immigration appearances
- Meeting a parent returning from deployment
- Requests from agency of child participating in plays or movies
- Sibling's graduation
- Take your child to work day

All other reasons are considered unexcused

Chronically Absent

- Students are identified as **Chronically Absent** when they have missed 10% or more days in both **EXCUSED** and **UNEXCUSED** absences for the year
- That is 18 days—less than 2 days per month!



How much money each Unexcused absence costs your school daily...

\$71 a day per absent student

This directly affects your school site and the ability to provide extra activities and supports for students.

If 50 students are absent a day...	
Daily	\$3550
Weekly	\$17,750
Yearly	\$639,000

Absences and Tardies will affect...

- Interdistrict Transfer Requests
- Zone Transfer Requests





What can I do if my child will be out more than 5 days?

Independent Contracts

- Request a from the office
- Give 5-7 days notice if possible
- Your child will be given work to complete
- Turn in work when you return

What if my
child gets
seriously ill and
will be out for

Home Hospital Program



What strategies/ ideas could be put in place by your school site to improve attendance?

