

## ATTENDANCE: A KEY TO YOUR STUDENT'S SUCCESS

Research has proven a high correlation between regular school attendance and academic performance. Attendance is the key to high school graduation and college and career readiness. Students who regularly attend school are more likely to read on grade level, less likely to drop out of school, and more likely to graduate on time.

A child who misses a day of school misses a day of learning. Although 2 days per month may not seem like a lot, it translates into 20 days per year or one month of school. Over the course of thirteen years of school, it translates into 260 days, or nearly 1 ½ years of school.

Schools are responsible for teaching your child. But schools can't do their job if your child is absent. Learning builds day by day. Being on time matters too. A student who is 10 minutes late daily will miss 30 hours of instruction during the school year. Although students can copy notes or make up missing assignments, they can never regain other important factors in learning: the discussion, the questions, the group interactions, the explanations by the teacher, and the thinking that makes learning interesting and meaningful. Your child's success in school depends on having a solid educational background that can only be gained through **regular school attendance**. Attending school regularly helps students feel better about school --- and themselves.

### Here Are Ways You Can Improve Your Child's School Attendance:

- Talk with your child about the importance of attending school regularly and on time.
- Ensure your child goes to school every day unless he/she is truly sick.
- Establish a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Schedule family trips and doctor appointments after school when possible.
- Develop back up plans for getting your child to school if something comes up.
- Talk to teachers, counselors, and school support staff for advice if your child feels anxious about going to school.
- When your child is absent, send in a written note and be sure to include the date(s) and reason for the absence.

**LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO SHOW THAT EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!  
THE RESEARCH IS CLEAR. ATTENDANCE IS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT  
FACTOR IN SCHOOL SUCCESS.**

*Every day*   
**COUNTS!** 

**School success starts  
with attendance**