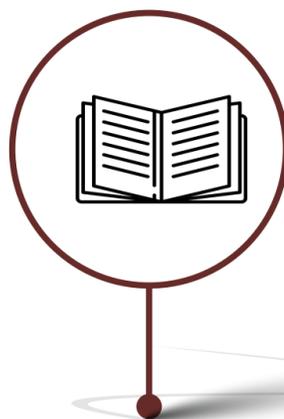


## Attendance Matters Throughout a Student's Educational Journey

### Reading

Kids with good attendance in kindergarten and 1st grade are more likely to read proficiently by the end of 3rd grade.



### Early Grades



### Missing Pieces of Instruction

Day-to-day lessons build on each other like pieces of a puzzle, so missing class makes it harder to keep up. Students also rely on each other for team projects, so being present each day creates stronger teamwork.

### School Staff Can Help

Talk to your child's teacher or guidance counselor for help with challenges to getting to school everyday. Schools can connect you to resources for food and social services, transportation, health care, counseling, etc.



### Persistence to Graduation

By 6th grade, absenteeism is 1 of 3 signs that a student may drop out. Absences signal a student is losing interest in school or struggling. Skipping avoids the issue but does not deal with it.

Talk to your child about the problems they face getting to school. Figure out approaches to try that will help. School staff are available to help!

### Middle School



### Good Attendance = Graduation

By 9th grade, regular attendance is a better predictor of graduation than 8th grade test scores. Students who miss more than 10 days of school are 20% less likely to graduate.

### High School

### Career Success

Showing up every day is a life skill that will help with getting and keeping a job. High school graduates earn, on average, \$1 million more than dropouts over a lifetime.



Good school attendance makes an important difference in a child's success in learning, graduating, and attaining goals for college and job. Students who skip regularly think that no one notices and that there are no real bad consequences. They also say that parents can have a stronger effect on decision making about attendance than authority figures from schools.

Your voice matters!



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Ending Chronic Absenteeism