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Attendance is one of the most important factors in determining if a student will do well in school, graduate and be prepared for success in their postsecondary education and career.



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Why Attendance Matters



Students who attend school regularly are more involved in activities, athletics, fine arts and other programs that **build healthy social networks and important life experiences.**



Students are chronically absent when they miss 10 percent of the school year. **Missing only 2 days a month** can have a significant impact on student success.



Attendance is one of the largest predictors of whether a student will graduate. Each week of absence per semester in ninth grade lowers a student's likelihood of graduation by 25 percent.



Building high attendance habits is **a life skill that will impact a student's success** as a future employee, leader and citizen.



By college, a chronically absent high school graduate has **only an 11 percent chance of receiving any degree**, impacting career choices, lifetime earnings, success, well-being and their future.

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What is good attendance?

**Descriptions taken from AttendanceWorks.org*

High Attendance
five or fewer absences per year



Regular Attendance

attendance rate of 95% or missing one day per month

Chronic Absence

attendance rate of 90% or missing two days per month

Severe Chronic Absence

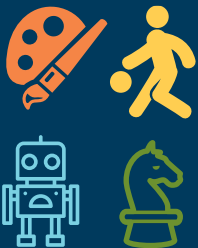
attendance rate of 80% or missing four days per month

Truant

absent more than 20% of the school year

What can families do?

- Talk about the importance of regular attendance and about how your student feels about school.
- Build regular routines for bed time and the morning.
- Keep a chart recording your child's attendance at home and talk with your student about what you see.
- Develop back up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Ask a family member, neighbor or another parent for help.
- **Seek support from school staff or community groups to help with transportation, health problems or no safe path to school.**
- If your student is sick or needs to miss school, please contact your school office to get the absence excused.



Getting students involved in arts, music, athletics and other co-curricular activities can have a significant impact on their attendance, engagement and overall academic success.

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