

Attendance Matters

Begin the year by committing to attendance

It's hard to overstress the importance of your child's regular school attendance. One of your responsibilities as a parent is to get your child to school every day unless there is illness or an emergency.

This is essential because:

- Your child risks poor or failing grades if not at school.
- Learning builds every day on what is learned the day before. This routine is interrupted when students only show up part of the time.
- The whole school can suffer. Schools get state and federal money based on average daily attendance. When attendance goes down, so does the funding a school receives.
- Your child's life as an adult depends a lot on whether he has a high school diploma. If your child misses too many days of school, he may not be able to get a diploma.
- Much research shows that students who skip school will also skip other commitments, like days of work.

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