

HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED IN SCHOOL: **BUILD THE HABIT OF GOOD ATTENDANCE**

Did You Know?

- 1 in 10 kindergarten and first grade students nationwide misses nearly a month of school each year in excused or unexcused absences
- Missing 18 school days (10% of school year) can make it harder to learn and read
- Missing school can cause your child to fall behind in reading, speaking and writing
- Being late to school can lead to missing important learning activities

Good Attendance Helps Children To:

- Know how important school is
- Feel good about themselves and their routine
- Develop important social skills and friendships
- Avoid dangerous behavior
- Get better grades and improve academic skills
- Do well in high school, college, and at work
- Feel more connected to their community

What You Can Do:

- Make regular school attendance a priority!
- Set a regular bed time and morning routine
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before
- Find out what day and time your child's school starts
- Don't let your child stay home unless they're truly sick
- Make back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up
- Call school if child is going to be absent
- Avoid unnecessary appointments and extended trips when school is in session

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

Please reach out to your child's center or our administrative office for support and resources to ensure your child attends school regularly. Taking advantage of support services can help you set your child on the path to success.