

ATTENDANCE MATTERS AT RJHS

Did You Know?

Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year.

Half of students who miss 2 days of school in September will go on to miss nearly a month of school cumulatively

By 6th grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.

When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.

Research shows that missing 10 percent of the school, or about 18 days in most school districts, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month and that's known as chronic absence.

An estimated 5 million to 7.5 million U.S. students miss nearly a month of school each year

Attendance improves when schools engage students and parents in positive ways and when schools provide mentors for chronically absent students.

- 5 minutes late every day = 3 whole days per year absent
- 43% of 12th graders who did not graduate on time missed at 20+ days of school in the 9th grade
- 1 in 5 students in Arkansas are chronically absent
- 18% of high school students are chronically absent

The Facts: