# Ittendance

in the early grades

Chronic absenteeism in kindergarten, and even preK, can predict lower test scores, poor attendance and retention in later absent in your school or community? grades, especially if the problem persists for more than a year. Do you know how many young children are chronically Many of our youngest students miss 10 percent of the school year—about 18 days a year or just two days every month

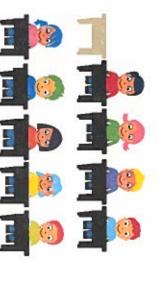


# Who is affected

they still add up to lost time in the classroom. high as those in high school. Many of these absences are excused, but Kindergarten and 1st grade classes often have absenteeism rates as

### 1 in 10 kids

In some schools, it's as high as 1 in 4.1 in kindergarten and 1st grade are chronically absent.



### 2 in 10 low-income kids

academ cally.1 more likely to suffer school. They're also miss too much

### homeless kids 2.5 in 10

are chronically absent<sup>2</sup>

4 in 10

transient kids

school when miss too much families move.2





## Why it matters

If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on good attendance that will carry them into college and careers. fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of

chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade were far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade. Preliminary data from a California study found that children who were

Who Can Read on Grade Level After 3rd Grade?





















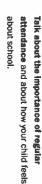
(missed 18 or more days both years) of kids chronically absent in K and 1st

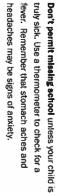
# What families can do



Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots.

Build regular routines for bed time and the











neighbor or another parent for help something comes up. Ask a family member, Develop back up plans for getting to school if

problems, or no safe path to school groups to help with transportation, health Seek support from school staff or community