

# Maintaining and Improving Student School Attendance

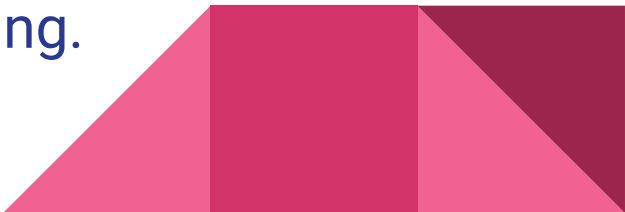
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missing out on  
learning.

Coming to school  
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## Attending class every day helps your child:

- Feel prepared for class.
  - Build reading, math, social studies, and science skills.
  - Participate in Life Skills classes to help them appreciate the arts and increase knowledge of technology, as well as sports and fitness.
  - Have more time to ask questions and get feedback from the teacher which improves learning.
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In 5th and 6th grades, your child should be passing all classes like Math, English, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Spanish, Music, Art and Technology.

Attending school will allow your child to stay up to date with classroom lessons and homework.

TWO (2) absences per month affects your child's learning.

TWO (2) absences per month are TOO many.

Over the year, it equals 20 absences from school.

Good attendance means being at school every day.

Good attendance means being on time every day.



# How many days absent is considered good attendance?

5 days or less-

Excellent attendance

6-9 days -

Satisfactory attendance for the year

10-17 days

Warning signs of being chronically absent

18 or more-

Chronic absenteeism




# How does being late affect my child?

Being late can make a student:

- Feel stressed
- Confused and unprepared
- Miss instructions and not have enough time to learn

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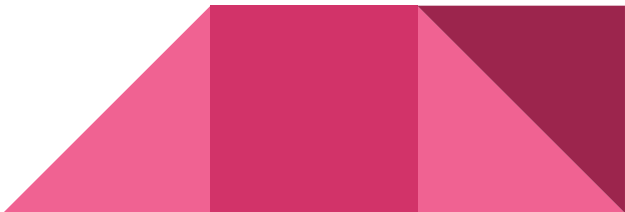
Please talk to your child about  
why attendance is important.

Use a calendar to keep track of  
their absences.

Schedule all doctor appointments  
after school.



# What to do if your child must be absent:

- Keep your child home if they are truly sick (fever over 100).
  - Pay attention to Covid-19 symptoms, and report symptoms to school nurse.
  - Be sure to have your child check with Google Classroom to see what assignments were scheduled for the day.
  - Have your child contact a friend or peer to find out what he/she missed in class.
  - If they miss the bus, have a backup plan to get to school if you can't bring them yourself.
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# Our goal for every year:

## 9 or less days absent

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missing out on learning.

Coming to school ON TIME is very  
important!

Talk to your House Center if you  
need assistance in improving your  
child's attendance.

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## Video: Bringing Attendance Home



Credit: Children's Health Fund (2017)

**Thank you for participating in our  
Parent Academy!**

