

# Attendance Awareness Thursday

## STUDENT ATTENDANCE MATTERS

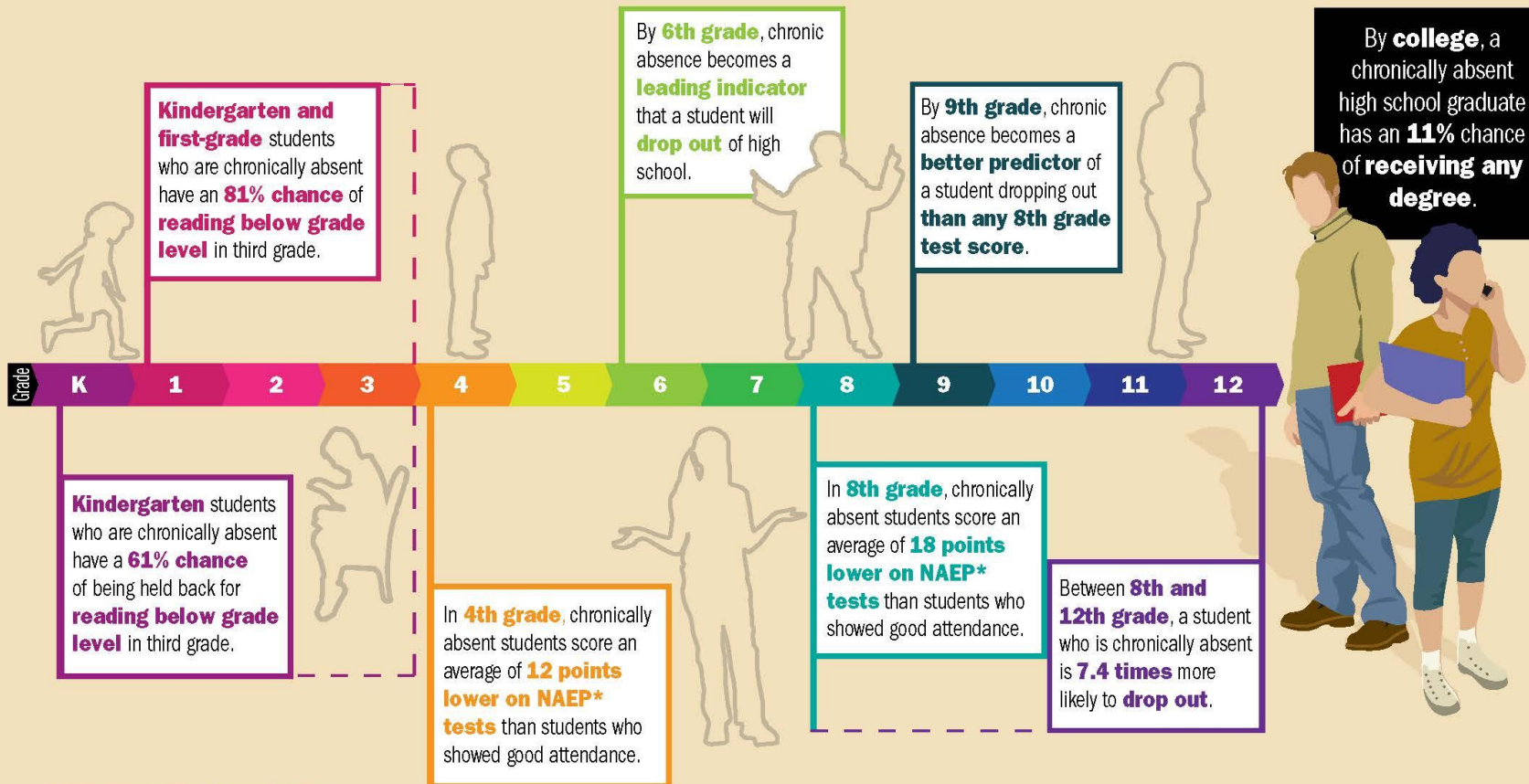
There are an estimated 5–7.5 million students in the United States who are chronically absent from school.

Chronic absenteeism hurts students in a variety of ways as they progress through their school career, starting with kindergarten.

### DEFINITIONS:

**Chronic Absence** – Missing 2 days each month, totaling 18 days, equals 10% of the school year

**Good Attendance** – Missing 9 days or less in a school year (5%)



\*National Assessment of Educational Progress