



# Every Day Counts!

A day here doesn't seem like much, but...

When your student misses...	That equals...	Which is...	So, from Kinder to 12 <sup>th</sup> grade, your student loses out on...	Which means your student only reaches the equivalent of...
1 day each month	10 days per school year	2 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year of learning	11 <sup>th</sup> grade
1 day every other week	20 days per school year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1½ years of learning	10 <sup>th</sup> grade
1 day each week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2½ years of learning	9 <sup>th</sup> grade
2 days each week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	6 <sup>th</sup> grade

## More Attendance Facts

1. Missing 10 percent of the school year - about 2 days per month - negatively affects a student's academic performance.
2. Attendance can influence whether students read proficiently by the end of third grade or be held back.
3. By 6th grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.
4. When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.
5. The academic impact of missing that much school is the same whether the absences are excused or unexcused.

## What Families Can Do to Improve Attendance

1. Create & keep a regular routine for morning and bedtime.
2. Talk together at home about school, its importance, and how your student feels about it.
3. Only allow for missed school if your student is sick with a fever. Remember that stomach aches and headaches may be signs of anxiety, not just illness.
4. Avoid appointments and extended trips when school is in session.
5. Develop back up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Ask a family member, neighbor, or another parent for help.
6. Seek support from the Student Support Center to help with transportation, health problems, or no safe path to school.