



Attendance & Timeliness Matter!

When do absences become a problem?

Chronic Absenteeism = 18 or more days missed per school year

This is only 2 absences per month! They can add up quickly...



**Chronic Absence =
18 or more per year**
**Warning Signs =
10 – 17 per year**
**Satisfactory =
9 or fewer per year**

Habitual Tardies

- Tardies equal missed learning
- Can interrupt other children's learning
- Can impact the child's behavior, self-esteem, and school success
- Disrupts morning routine
- Affects important time for building classroom community and socialization
- Some children may miss interventions, special services, or other special area classes that are scheduled first thing in the morning

Did you know... school success and good attendance go hand in hand. Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves. Start building this habit right away in September so children learn that going to school on time, every day will help them do well in high school, college and work!

***Fact** – Research shows that missing only an average of 2 days a month negatively affects academic performance.

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

***Fact** – Kindergarten and 1st grade students who are chronically absent have an 81% chance of reading below grade level in 3rd grade

***Fact** – Kindergarten students who are chronically absent have a 61% chance of being held back for reading below grade level in 3rd grade.

***Fact** – Low income students are 4 times more likely to be chronically absent.

***Fact** – Half of students who miss 2-4 days of school in September will go on to miss nearly of month of school.

***Fact** – Attendance improves with parent participation and mentors for chronically absent students.

***Fact** – When a student improves attendance, they improve their chances of graduating.

What parents/caregivers can do...

***If your child is having difficulties coming to school please contact the teacher, counselor or administrator at 776-3301.**

***If your child has a chronic or major medical/health issue contact the nurse at 776-3301 x3300 to make arrangements.**

***If your child is going to be out more than 1 day contact the office to request homework by 8am at 776-3301 x3100.**

***Visit the following websites for more information:**

www.attendanceworks.org

www.everystudentpresent.org

