



# Why School Attendance Matters

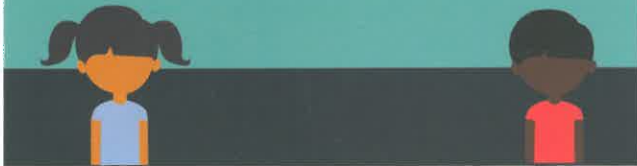
Too many absences – excused or unexcused – can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. Missing just 18 days during the school year – about 2 days a month – can be enough to put a student at risk.

## Regular attendance = Success in School

### Kindergarten - 5th Grade

Even in kindergarten, missing too much school can cause students to fall behind.

Students who miss a lot of school or often arrive late, can have trouble learning to read.

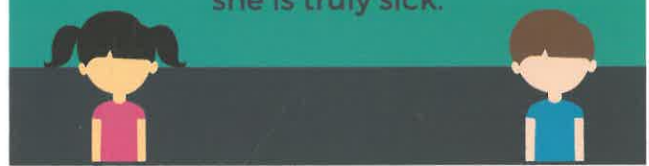


### What you can do to help

Set a regular bed time and morning routine.

If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers or school counselors for advice.

Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick.

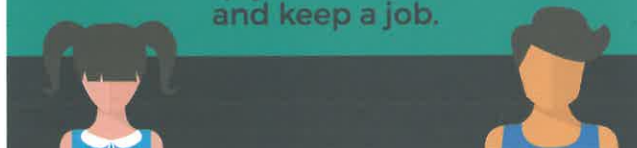


### 6th Grade - 12th Grade

Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.

By 9th grade, regular attendance is a good predictor of high school graduation.

Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child be successful and keep a job.



### What you can do to help

Talk about the importance of going to school and make it a priority.

Stay on top of academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors.

Encourage meaningful afterschool activities, including sports and clubs.



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