



**Your child's regular attendance in school encourages academic and social-emotional success. Together, families, educators, and community members can support a child's attendance and help each student stay on the path to success.**

It doesn't matter whether the absences are excused or unexcused -- each missed day represents missed learning time. Missed days add up quickly: When a student misses as few as two days a month, that's 10% of the school year. This increases the risk of academic and social-emotional struggles. (2 absences a month x by nine months = 18 days/10% of missed school days in a school year.)

**School + You = Success**

<b>Build Relationships</b>	<b>Plan Ahead</b>	<b>Ask For Help</b>	<b>Use Life Hacks</b>
 <p>Students do best in a warm, safe and welcoming environment. We can all help by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring every student is connected with an adult within his or her school who can watch for issues and help with solutions.</li> <li>• Helping students build relationships with classmates and peers.</li> <li>• Planning for success by setting attendance goals and addressing possible obstacles in advance.</li> </ul>	 <p>Things don't always go smoothly. Planning ahead can help be ready for issues with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transportation (Explore carpool, bus, safe walk/bike options.)</li> <li>• After school pick-up and care (Have a back-up!)</li> </ul>	 <p>Visit <a href="http://211info.org">211info.org</a> to learn about local community resources, or ask your school for suggestions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shelter, food, clothing</li> <li>• Health issues</li> <li>• Acute or chronic illness</li> <li>• Mental health services</li> <li>• Behavioral support</li> <li>• Oral (mouth and teeth) health</li> </ul>	 <p>Work on household routines to make it easier to get out the door. Find tips for the following at <a href="http://Every-Day-Matters.org">Every-Day-Matters.org</a>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evening routines</li> <li>• Homework help</li> <li>• Getting ready</li> <li>• Planning for the day</li> </ul>



# Keep Track of Time

Successful students attend school regularly, with support from all of us at school, home and the community. Track missed days here:

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Date	Date	Date	Date	Date	Date
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Reason	Reason	Reason	Reason	Reason	Reason

**Satisfactory Attendance**

<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Date	Date	Date	Date	Date	Date
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Reason	Reason	Reason	Reason	Reason	Reason

**Satisfactory Attendance**      **Moderate Chronic Absence, Ask for Help**

<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18 or more: Chronically Absent, Ask for Help</b>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	
Date	Date	Date	Date	Date	
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Reason	Reason	Reason	Reason	Reason	

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## Too Sick for School?

Students can go to school if:	Keep students home if:	Call the doctor if:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They have a runny nose or little cough, but no other symptoms.</li> <li>• They haven't taken any fever-reducing medicine for 24 hours, and have been fever-free during that time.</li> <li>• They haven't thrown up or had diarrhea for 24 hours.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They have a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees even after taking medicine.</li> <li>• They are throwing up or have diarrhea.</li> <li>• Their eyes are pink and crusty.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They have a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees for more than two days.</li> <li>• They've been throwing up or have diarrhea for more than two days.</li> <li>• They've had the sniffles for more than a week, and aren't getting better.</li> </ul>

These are generally accepted guidelines. Every body is different. If you are unsure, ask your health care provider or call your school.