Every Day Matters

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**Why Attendance Matters**

* Often, parents don’t realize that every day matters—even at the kindergarten and first grade levels.
* Attendance patterns and morning routines are set in September.
* In Oregon, students are considered chronically absent when they miss 10% of the school year, or 18 days.
* 1 in 6 Oregon children is chronically absent.
* This lost instructional time exacerbates dropout rates and achievement gaps.
* This significantly compromises a child’s ability to read at grade level by the end of third grade.
* Children who are not reading at grade level by the end of third grade are less likely to graduate on time.
* Absenteeism can indicate a larger issue such as difficulty with transportation, housing, or emotional or physical challenges.
* Communities are committed to caring for their children, and resources are in place. Schools can connect students to solutions.
* When the root cause for absenteeism is addressed, attendance improves.
* When students reduce absences, they can make academic gains.
* When students make academic gains, they are more likely to graduate from high school on time.

**Inspired to improve your child’s attendance?**

Check in with your school to find out how to get help with challenges or visit every-day-matters.

**For more information,** visit your school district’s website or every-day-matters.org.