

School Attendance is Important!

Attending School regularly can help your child succeed.

It can help your child:

- Have a positive attitude about learning
- Do his or her best in school
- Be better prepared for the future



Poor school attendance can have lasting effects.

Frequent absences and tardies can cause a student to fall behind in school. He or she may get poor grades, have low self-esteem and feel isolated from classmates. As a result, a student may fail to pass grade or drop out. Dropping out of school can make it hard to find a job, get into college and succeed later in life.

Help your child attend school regularly.

Establish routines.

- Set a regular time for homework each day. Provide a comfortable study area.
- Avoid the morning rush by having your child pick out clothes and pack supplies the night before.
- Provide healthy breakfast choices.
- Make sure your child gets enough sleep.

Did you know?

- Starting in Kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school-and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.