

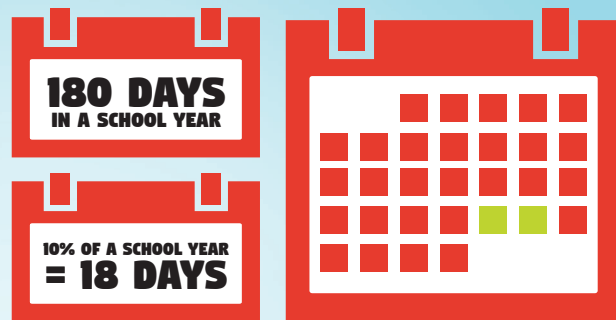
Helping Children Succeed in School

SCHOOL SUCCESS GOES HAND-IN-HAND WITH GOOD ATTENDANCE!

Starting as early as preschool and kindergarten, chronic absence – missing just 18 days a year – 10% of the academic year – can leave 3rd graders unable to read proficiently, 6th graders struggling with course work and high school students off track for graduation.

YOU CAN HELP.

- ☑ Talk with your patients about the importance of going to school every day.
- ☑ Make the value of good attendance a talking point at back-to-school checkups.
- ☑ Ask about the number of days that a student misses school at every medical appointment. When missing two or more days a month, explore the causes and determine whether there is a preventable health-related reason.
- ☑ Make appointments available before and after school. Encourage parents to make appointments before school, after school, on a day off from school, or first thing in the morning.
- ☑ Provide guidance on when a child should stay home sick and how to avoid absences due to minor illness or anxiety.
- ☑ Track the number of medical excuses being issued to a student and address excessive requests by educating parents and coordinating your efforts with school personnel.
- ☑ Consider having all patients sign a release to share health information with the child's school.
- ☑ Help schools develop Asthma Action Plans.
- ☑ Help schools develop Diabetes Management Plans.
- ☑ Develop a plan for students with chronic disease.



**MISSING ONLY 2 DAYS OF SCHOOL A MONTH
MAKES A STUDENT CHRONICALLY ABSENT.**



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