

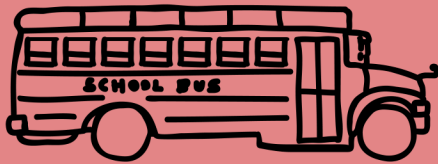


# WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Coming to school is essential for your child's success.

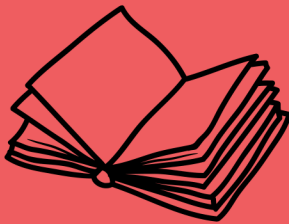
Here are some facts about why attendance is important.

1



Attendance improves when schools engage students and parents in positive ways and when schools provide mentors for chronically absent students.

3



Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of 3rd grade.

5



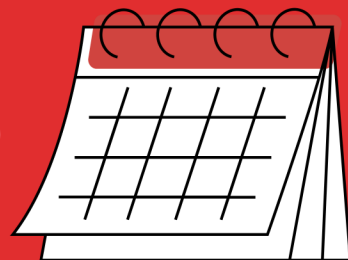
When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.



2

Research shows that missing 10 percent of school, or about 18 days in most school districts, negatively affects a student's academic performance.

*That's just two days a month and that's known as chronic absence.*



4

Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year.

*Half the students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school.*