

MISSING = MISSING SCHOOL = OUT

MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY

DID YOU KNOW?

■ **YOUR CHILD CAN SUFFER ACADEMICALLY** if they miss 10 percent (about 18 days) of school. That can be just **two days a month**, and that can happen before you know it.

■ **IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THESE ABSENCES ARE EXCUSED OR UNEXCUSED** They all represent lost time in the classroom and a lost opportunity for your child to learn.

■ **ATTENDANCE MATTERS** If your child does not attend classes 90% of the time, they will be denied credit for the class. This puts your child at risk of not graduating.

■ **CHRONIC ABSENCE** is a leading warning sign that a student will drop out.

■ **ABSENCES CAN AFFECT THE WHOLE CLASSROOM** if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

■ **ATTENDANCE IS AN IMPORTANT SKILL THAT WILL HELP YOUR CHILD GRADUATE** and do well in college and at work.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

■ **FOR OLDER CHILDREN, YOU CAN SET UP HOMEWORK AND BEDTIME ROUTINES.** Make sure that when the lights go out so do cell phones, televisions, and all other electronic devices that may keep your child up. It is extremely important that your child gets a full night's rest so that he or she may wake up on time.

■ **TRY NOT TO SCHEDULE MEDICAL AND DENTAL APPOINTMENTS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.** If absolutely necessary, schedule appointments for after 10 a.m.

■ **DON'T LET YOUR CHILD STAY HOME UNLESS THEY ARE TRULY SICK.** Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.

■ **STAY ON TOP OF YOUR CHILD'S SOCIAL CONTACTS.** Peer pressure can lead to skipping, while students without many friends can feel isolated.

■ **SET AN EXAMPLE FOR YOUR CHILD.** Show him or her that attendance matters to you and that you won't allow an absence unless someone is truly sick.

■ **YOU CAN TURN TO YOUR SCHOOL FOR HELP.** If your child or family is having challenges with transportation, housing or health issues, reach out to your school for support.

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REPORT SUSPECTED TRUANCY by calling 830-401-8030.

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