

# Attendance Matters



## 10 Facts About School Attendance



### Fact

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

### Fact

An estimated 5 million to 7.5 million U.S. students miss nearly a month of school each year.

### Fact

Poor attendance can influence whether kids read proficiently by grade 3 or be held back.

### Fact

By 6th grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.

### Fact

Research shows that missing only an average of 2 days a month negatively affects academic performance.

### Fact

Excused and unexcused absences have the same negative effect on student academic performance.

### Fact

Low income students are 4 times more likely to be chronically absent.

### Fact

When a student improves attendance, they improve their chances of graduating.



### Fact

Attendance improves with parent participation and mentors for chronically absent students.

### Fact

Many schools only track unexcused absences, when they should be tracking excused as well.

