



Schools in Action

Show Up Everyday - Students Flourish Here

As we enter the second half of the school year, we remain committed to ensuring that every student in our district has the opportunity to flourish. Our students flourish when they are present.

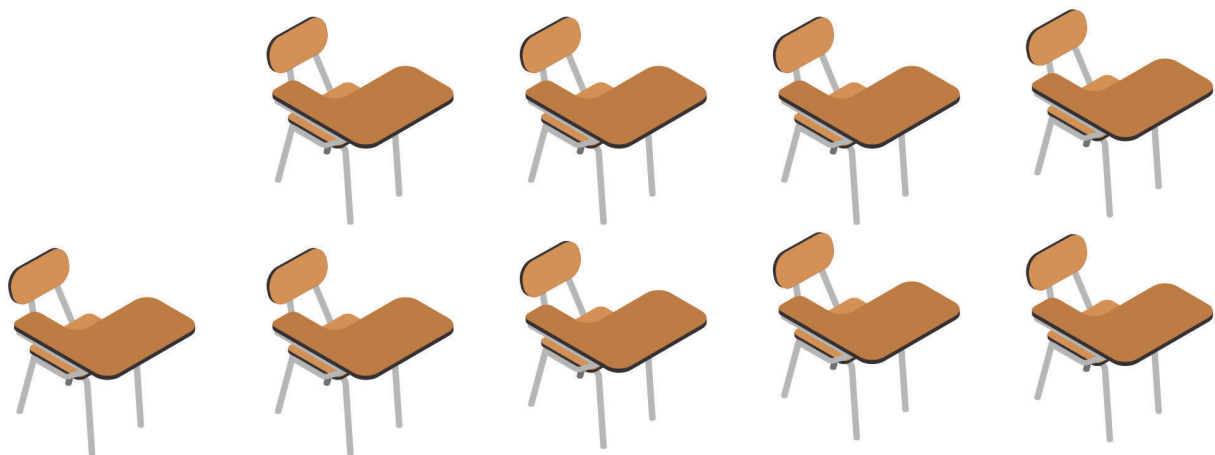
Consistent attendance is key to student success. Every day in class is a chance to learn, grow, and build the skills that will shape their future. We are dedicated to making our schools a place where students want to be, and where they feel safe and supported.

Families, we appreciate your partnership in reinforcing the importance of daily attendance. Together, we can help every student build strong habits, develop meaningful relationships, and get better every day. Let’s finish the year strong!

Attendance in Early Grades

Kindergarten and 1st grade classes often have absenteeism rates as high as those in high school. Many of these absences are excused, but they still add up to lost time in the classroom.

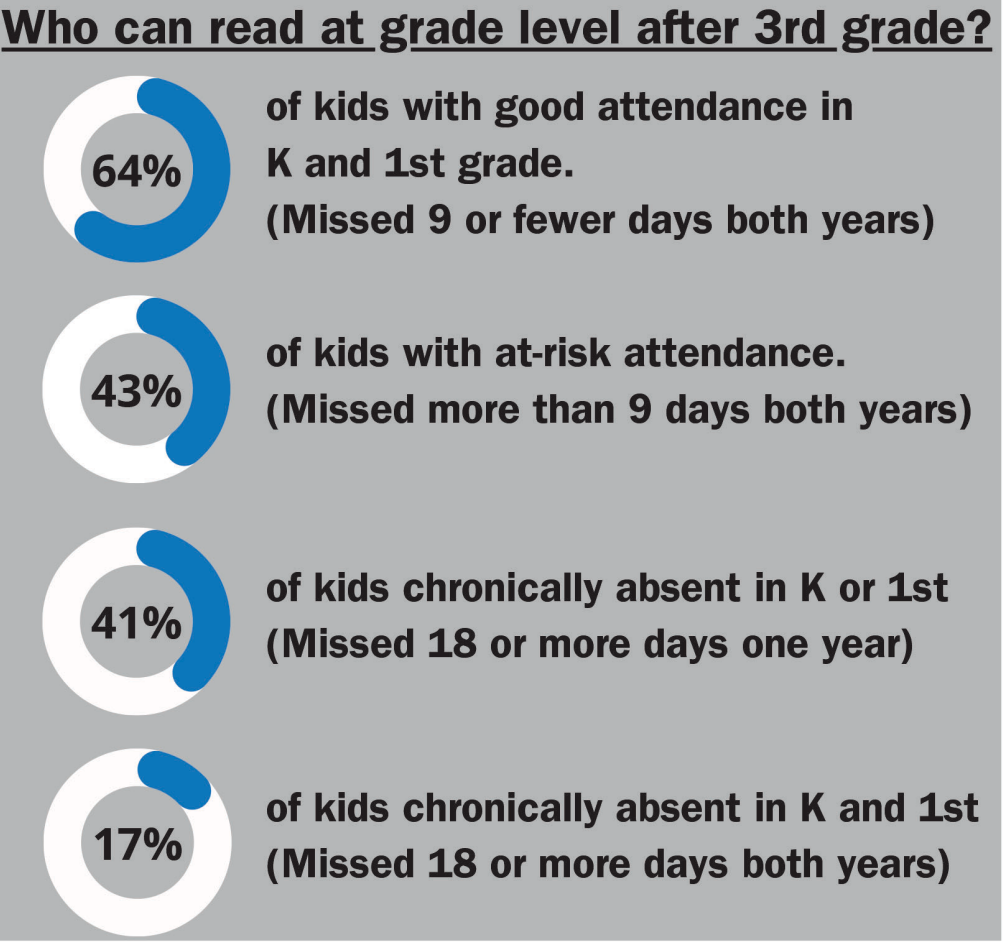
- 1 in 10 kids in kindergarten and 1st grade are chronically absent.
- In some schools, it’s as high as 1 in 4.



Why it Matters

If children don’t show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.

Preliminary data from a California study found that children who were chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade were far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade.



What can you do?

- Set an early bed time, and start getting ready for bed 30 minutes before bed time.
- Children are most able and willing to learn when they have had plenty of sleep.
- Set your alarm clocks to make sure everyone gets up on time.
- If your child rides the bus to school, put the bus schedule on the refrigerator.
- If you drive your child to school, set up a plan with someone who can take your child to school in case you’re not able to.
- Allow time for the unexpected. Have clothes and school bags ready the night before, and get up with plenty of time to get ready.