

Top 10 Reasons Your Child Should Be in School *Every Day!*

Info for Elementary Parents

Elementary-aged children are constantly absorbing new knowledge and developing new skills—and regular school attendance is crucial for their success. Here are the top 10 reasons why your child should be in school every day.

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Better academic performance

According to research, missing just two days per month negatively impacts a student's academic performance and test scores.

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Greater social development

Elementary students develop social and emotional skills that benefit them throughout their lives. At school, they learn to interact with others, make friends, and build relationships with adults outside their family.

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Increased literacy skills

A student's attendance in elementary school significantly affects their reading skills. Research shows that students who attend school regularly have better literacy skills by the end of third grade than those who do not.

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Routine and structure

Children thrive on structure. Going to school every day provides children with a sense of security. They also learn to follow rules and routines outside of their own home—a skill that will benefit them for years to come.

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A good habit that will last

Children who are chronically absent in elementary school are more likely to continue this trend in later grades. Establishing good attendance early will set your child up for success throughout their school career.

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A shot at a better future

Research shows that by sixth grade, poor attendance becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.

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Increased preparedness

Children who attend school regularly are better able to keep up with homework assignments. They are also better prepared for quizzes and tests.

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Class-wide benefits

Chronic absenteeism has a ripple effect in schools. When all of the students in a class have good attendance, they learn together and move forward as a class—rather than lose valuable time on backtracking and review.

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An emphasis on education

When students know that they're to be in school every day, they learn that education is important—and understand that they should try to do their best.

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Increased self-esteem

When children go to school regularly and continue to master new skills, they feel good about learning—and also about themselves.



For tips on how to improve your child's attendance, watch this short video.