

November 2023



School Attendance Matters Everyday

THE FAMILY CORNER

Helpful tips for
**AWESOME
ATTENDANCE**

THE GIFT OF ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR

We are thankful!

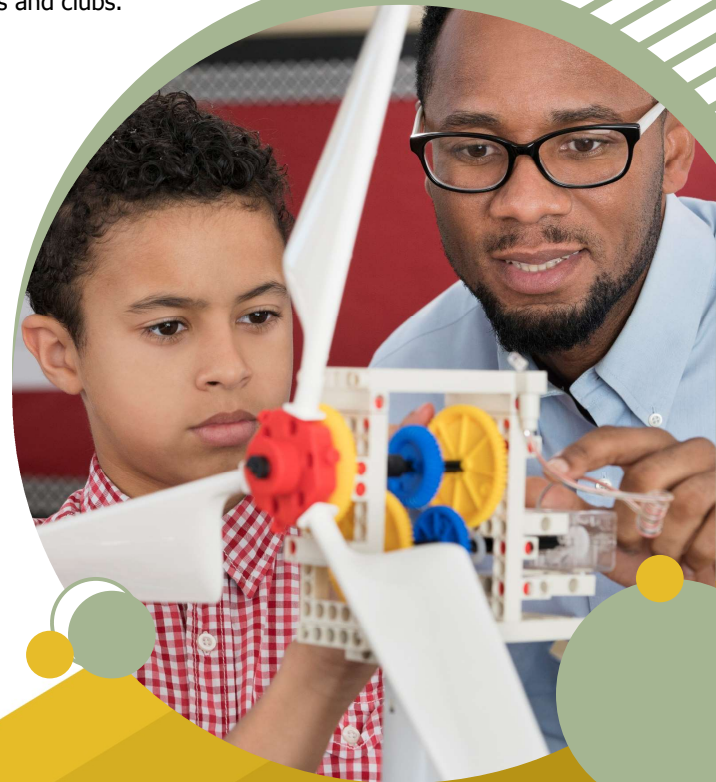
As we prepare to take a short break from school for Thanksgiving, we want to express our gratitude for everyone who makes it possible for as many students as possible to come to school every day, on time, ready to learn. We thank:

- Our students and families making daily attendance a priority since they know the habit of attendance will help them do well in the classroom and eventually in a job.
 - Our wonderful teachers who pour their energy into making each classroom an exciting place for exploration and knowledge so children do not want to miss out on learning.
 - Our support staff and community volunteers who provide the extra hands and attention our children need. We appreciate each one of you so much. We look forward to seeing you after the Thanksgiving holiday. We also hope you will keep in mind that school reopens Monday, November 27, 2023.
- We especially appreciate everyone's efforts to avoid taking extra days off during the Thanksgiving holiday. Just a few missed days here and there, even if they're excused absences, can add up to too much lost learning time and leave your child behind in school. This is as true in kindergarten as it is in high school.

<https://www.attendanceworks.org/resources/messaging/holiday-messaging/>

Help your child stay engaged.

- Find out if your child feels engaged by his classes and feels safe from bullies and other threats. Make sure he/she is not missing class because of behavioral issues and school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, work with your school.
- Stay on top of academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors if necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage meaningful afterschool activities, including sports and clubs.



Contact your school social worker or guidance counselor for assistance. If you need further information, please contact the Assistant Principal for Alternative Programs at 407-708-7677.



FACTS ABOUT SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

<https://getschooled.com/article/1939-facts-about-school-attendance/>

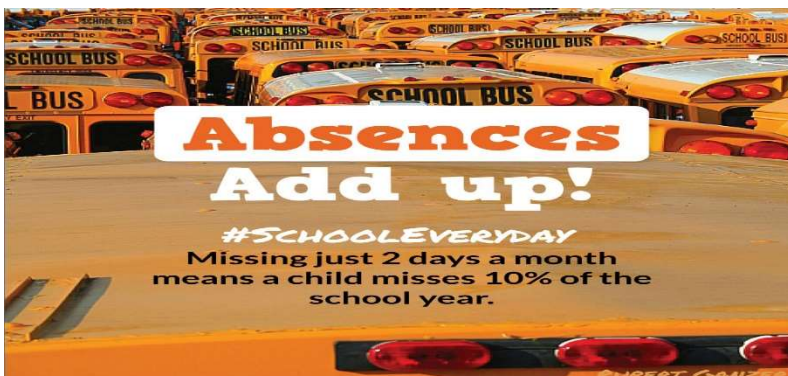
Attending school might not be a big deal for you now, but the consequences can have a lasting impact. Check out the attendance facts from our friends at [Attendance Works](#).

- 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.
- An estimated 5 million to 7.5 million U.S. students miss nearly a month of school each year.
- Research shows that missing 10 percent of the 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.
- When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.
- Attendance improves when schools engage students and parents in positive ways and when schools provide mentors for chronically absent students.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.



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Advancing Student Success By Reducing Chronic Absence