

## ATTENDANCE FACT SHEET

Missing out on school means missing out on learning. Missing even one day of school can make children fall behind in class. Even if it is the day before or after a school break, students are learning new things every day that will help them stay on track. It is important to also be on time each day so students don't miss important parts of class.

### What is chronic absenteeism?

Just 2 absences per month can add up to missing 1 full month of school. This is called **chronic absenteeism**. This counts all absences - even excused absences with a doctor's note. The student does not have to miss two days in a row to be at-risk. Any two absences per month can lead to chronic absenteeism.

### How can you tell if your student is at-risk of missing too many days?

Good attendance starts as early as Pre-K. Being in school and on time in elementary school can help make sure students are reading on grade level. This chart can help you see if your child is missing too many days of schools:

😊	<b>Good Attendance = missing 0-1 day each month</b>
😐	<b>Warning Signs = missing 1-2 days each month</b>
😞	<b>Chronically Absent = missing 2-3 days each month</b>

### Here are some tips for making it to school on time, every day:

- Talk to your child about why **attendance is important** and keep them excited to go to school, on time, every day
- Use a [calendar](#) to keep track of your child's absences from school
- **Schedule regular check-ups at the doctor** on school holidays
- Set bedtime and morning **routines**
- Decide on monthly **attendance goals** with your child
- Have a **backup person** to take your child to school for days you may be busy
- Talk to your child's **teacher** if getting to school on-time is hard for you