

ATTENDANCE COUNTS!

DID YOU KNOW?

- CHRONIC ABSENCE IS DEFINED BY MISSING 20 OR MORE DAYS OF SCHOOL
- KINDERGARTEN AND 1ST GRADE STUDENTS WHO ARE CHRONICALLY ABSENT HAVE AN 80% CHANCE OF READING BELOW GRADE LEVEL BY 3RD GRADE
- BY 6TH GRADE, CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM IS A LEADING INDICATOR THAT A CHILD WILL DROP OUT OF SCHOOL
- BY COLLEGE, A CHRONICALLY ABSENT STUDENT WILL HAVE AN 11% CHANCE OF RECEIVING A DEGREE

- MISSING 2 DAYS PER MONTH CAN NEGATIVELY IMPACT ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE
- EXCUSED AND UNEXCUSED ABSENCES HAVE THE SAME NEGATIVE EFFECT ON ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE
- ARRIVING 15 MINUTES LATE OR BEING PICKED UP 15 MINUTES EARLY EACH DAY AMOUNTS TO MISSING TWO FULL WEEKS OF SCHOOL!

- 95-100% ATTENDANCE (MISSING 9 DAYS OR LESS)= BEST CHANCE FOR SUCCESS
- ATTENDANCE IMPROVES WITH PARENT PARTICIPATION, WHICH INCLUDES:
 - DAILY ROUTINES
 - KEEPING CHILDREN HOME ONLY WHEN THEY ARE TOO SICK TO ATTEND
 - SCHEDULING APPOINTMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL TIME
 - MAINTAINING A POSITIVE ATTITUDE ABOUT SCHOOL
- THERE ARE SUPPORTS IN SCHOOL TO HELP YOUR CHILD! CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S COUNSELOR OR THE STUDENT FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER TO LEARN MORE!