DID YOU KNOW?

• Studies show that missing just 18 days of school makes it harder to learn to read
• Even in preschool and kindergarten, make sure your child learns that being in school every day is important
• Being late means your child is missing out on learning
• Missing school just a day or two every few weeks puts children behind
• When teachers are helping children catch up because they were absent, the other children are falling behind

HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED IN SCHOOL?

• Set a regular bed time
• Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep
• Have a morning routine, so your student can do his or her part to be ready
• Introduce your child to the teacher before school starts
• Know what time school starts
• Don’t keep your child home unless he or she is truly sick
• If your child complains of illness to avoid going to school, talk to his or her teachers and counselors
• Have a back-up plan to get your child to school if the bus is late or transportation falls through
• Schedule doctors’ appointments after the school day or during breaks
• Plan vacations for when school is out

Children Succeed When They're in School ... Make Sure Your Child Is There ... Everyday ... On Time

When Is a Child Missing Too Much School?

If a child is absent 18 or more days in the school year, he or she is “chronically absent.” Chances are the student will be behind.

If a child is absent 10-17 days, your child's teacher will be worried. Children can't learn if they're not in school.

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