

Why elementary school attendance matters...

Education is considered as basic a need as food, clothing, shelter and medical care. When a student has accumulated 10 or more absences (excused or not) in a school year, he or she is identified as having "chronic" non-attendance.

This is a point where students may become "at-risk" for educational success.

What are the risks and myths related to student attendance?

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"If attendance is a problem in elementary grades, the student will pay the price later."

Just by being present at school, your child is learning how to be a good citizen. Students can participate in the school community, learn valuable social skills, and develop a broader world view.

Regular school attendance can help students who are learning English by giving them the chance to master skills and information more quickly and accurately.

Students with greater attachment to family and culture are more likely to have good attendance.

Attending school every day provides a pathway out of poverty, and reduces the chances of student incarceration.

More information on Attendance Procedures can be found in ASD Policy 5156



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Why School Attendance Matters **NOW!**

Your child's attendance is one of the biggest factors influencing his or her success in school!