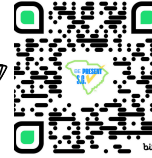


Understanding Chronic Absenteeism and its' Impact

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When is my child chronically absent?

Typically, a student is chronically absent if they miss 18 days.

"Any student in grade K-12 who misses 50 percent or more of the instructional day, for any reason, for 10 percent (or more) of the enrollment period. This includes excused absences, unexcused absences and suspensions" - SC Department of Education

Can being absent impact my child's academic success?

Yes. Data shows that students who are chronically absent do not achieve as well academically. For the 2023-24 school year, only 37% of students who were chronically absent were on grade level for English Language Arts compared to 57.8% of their peers. Likewise, only 23% of students who were chronically absent were on grade level for math compared to 47% of their peers. Attendance matters!

DID YOU KNOW?

Missing just two days each month of the school year can make your child chronically absent.

How can I prioritize attendance?

- ☒ Keep track of absences (excused and unexcused).
- ☒ Know your school's attendance policy.
- ☒ Talk with your student about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- ☒ Take the **Be Present S.C.** pledge!

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