

Student Attendance Matters

Impact on Student Achievement

- Lost opportunity for students to learn
- Chronic absence — missing 10 percent or more of school days—can translate into students having difficulty learning to read by the 3rd grade
- Learning loss connected to student's promotion from grade to grade and high school graduation/dropout

Impact on Student Penalties

- Truancy Prevention Measures
- Truancy filing on parents with fines
- Loss of Course Credits
- Detention
- Loss of activity participation

Impact on School Accountability

- Impacts state school accountability ratings
- Impacts federal school accountability targets

Impact on School Budgets

- School budgets are based on the average daily attendance at a school.
- If many students fail to consistently attend school, the school has less money to pay for essential classroom needs.
- Impacts special program allotments (such as Career and Technology Classes, Special Education, Bil/ESL Programs)

Impact on Community Perception of School

- Attendance Rate is one of many factors parents review schools to choose to enroll them in that particular school.

Quality of Attendance Taking/Procedures matters as well!

