

Are you helping your child have great attendance?

Being in school every day—and on time—will help your child have a successful school year. Are you reinforcing strong attendance habits? Answer yes or no to the questions below to find out:

1. Have you told your child that you expect her to go to school every day? If you tell her it's important to you, it will become important to her.
2. Do you ignore weak excuses? Not feeling like getting out of bed isn't an acceptable reason to stay home.
3. Do you keep your child home when she's sick? Reducing the spread of illness helps others avoid missing school.
4. Do you try to make medical and dental appointments outside of school hours? Vacations should be scheduled outside of school hours, too.
5. Do you help your child set the alarm clock earlier if she has trouble getting to school on time?

How well are you doing?

Each yes means you are supporting your child's attendance. For each no answer, try that idea.

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