

Understand what's at stake when your child misses school

“Does it really matter if my child misses school?” parents sometimes wonder. “Yes!” say experts. Research shows that regular attendance is linked to current and future school success.

Excused and unexcused absences take a toll on learning. And not everything students miss can be made up with homework. The class discussion about the book they are reading can't be captured in homework. Neither can the science demonstration or the group project for history. In some subjects, like math, missing even a few days is a problem because learning builds on what students already know.

In addition to missing out on daily lessons, students who are absent miss the chance to build social and academic foundations that help with future learning.

So, support your child's school attendance today and watch him reap the benefits for years to come.

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