

## Every Day Counts

*Schools are gateways to more opportunities for children. What happens when children first enter and attend school deeply affects whether this opportunity is realized.*

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Missing 2 days a month negatively affects academics achievement.

Chronic Absence is just 18 missed days a year! That's less than 2 times a month and already 10% of the year!

83% of students chronically absent in kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade can't read on grade level by 3<sup>rd</sup> grade & are 4

times more likely to drop out.

Just being 5 min. late a day you miss 3.4 total days. When you are 30min late a day you miss 20.7

total school days

Low income students are 4 times more likely to be chronically absent.

On average, a college graduate lives 9 years longer than someone who has not

completed high school

A high school graduate on average earns \$28,000 a year. Those who don't only make \$19,000. That's

almost \$10,000 more a year!

On average a college graduate makes \$1 million more than a high school graduate in their lifetime.



*80% of success is showing up*

# WHEN IS SICK TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?



## Send me to school if...

I have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms.

I haven't taken any fever reducing medicine for 24 hours, and I haven't had a fever during that time.

I haven't thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours.



## Keep me at home if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees even after taking medicine.

I'm throwing up or have diarrhea.

My eyes are pink and crusty.



## Call the doctor if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees for more than two days.

I've been throwing up or have diarrhea for more than two days.

I've had the sniffles for more than a week, and they aren't getting better.

I still have asthma symptoms after using my asthma medicine (and call 911 if I'm having trouble breathing after using an inhaler).



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