EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS
Attend to Achieve

MAKE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE A PRIORITY

• Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
• Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up.
• Call on a family member, a neighbor or another parent.
• Help maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night’s sleep.
• Try to schedule extended trips when school isn’t in session.

STAY HEALTHY

• Try to schedule medical appointments when school isn't in session.
• If your child must stay home because they are sick, make sure they have the resources and materials to make up for the missed learning time in the classroom.

STAY ENGAGED

• If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
• Find out if your child feels engaged by their classes and feels safe from bullies and other threats.
• Monitor your child’s academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors when necessary.
• Stay on top of your child’s social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.

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