

Midyear is the perfect time to review your child's attendance

The halfway point of the school year is approaching. It's time for a mid-year checkup on your child's attendance.

Each year in the United States, close to eight million students are at risk academically because they are chronically absent. Here's what researchers have found:

- School absences add up. When students aren't in school, they miss out on valuable learning.
- Missing school becomes a habit. Students who miss a lot of school in kindergarten are still frequently absent in fifth grade.
- There is a clear relationship between early attendance and later achievement. Kids who come to school regularly in the early grades are still doing well in secondary school—and they are more likely to graduate from high school.

How many days of school has your child missed this year? If you're unsure, contact the school to find out. It's not too late to get back on track so he can have a successful school year—and school career.

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