DID YOU KNOW?

IMPORTANT FACTS
You Should Know About Your Teen’s Attendance

Across the US, more than 8 million students miss so many days of school that they are academically at risk. Chronic absence — missing 10 percent or more of school days for any reason—excused, unexcused absences and suspensions, can translate into students having difficulty achieving in school and graduating from high school. Starting in 8th grade, students who are chronically absent are 5.5 times more likely to drop out of high school in years to come. Missing 10% of school (or just 2 days every month) can diminish your teen’s ability to learn vital skills each year, causing them to fall behind in school. By ninth grade, attendance is a better predictor of your student graduating from high school than their 8th grade test scores. Being a high school dropout has been linked to poor outcomes late in life, from poverty and diminished health, to involvement in the criminal justice system. Good attendance today will help your student learn important life skills to succeed after graduation. It will help them graduate from college and keep a job. Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. Half the students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school. Students who are chronically absent in one school year are 13 times more likely of being chronically absent the next year.

Parents, help your child succeed by expecting them to attend school even when they don’t want to. We invite you to join us and be part of the solution. You can help reduce anxiety by having them attend daily. Your child will feel connected socially and academically when they attend school regularly. Learning doesn’t happen in an empty seat. Attending today will help them succeed in the future!