

Attendance Awareness Month

The month of September is recognized as Attendance Awareness Month. Chronic absenteeism can contribute to lower test scores and even retention. Here are some things families can do at home to help your student.

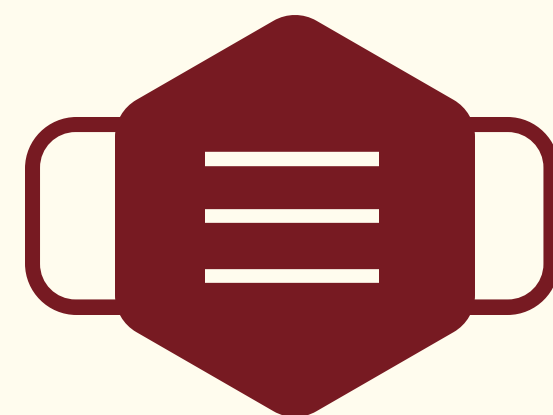
Things families can do



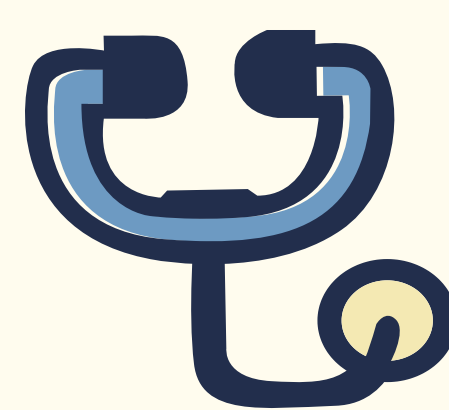
Find out the school start time and set reminders to ensure your student is on time.

Build regular routines for bedtime and the morning.

Talk about the importance of regular attendance and about how your child feels about school.

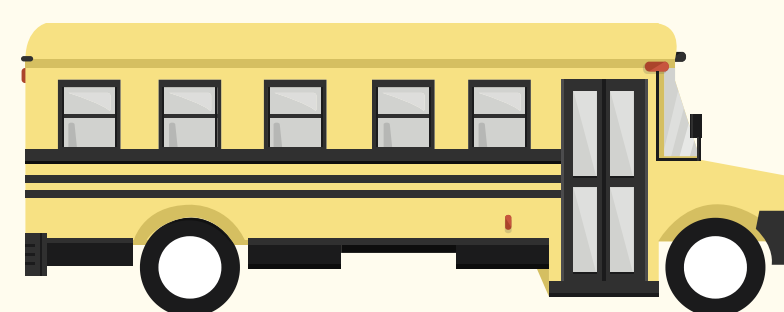


Don't permit missing school unless your child is truly sick. Use a thermometer to check for a fever. Remember that stomach aches and headaches may be signs of anxiety.

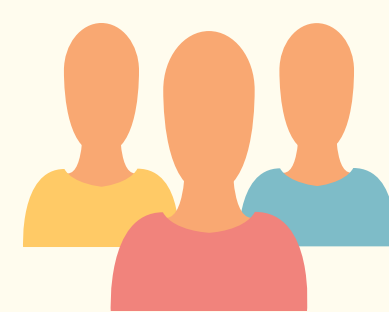


Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

Keep a chart or review the parent portal student's attendance. At the end of the week, talk with your student about what you see.



Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Ask a family member, neighbor or another parent for help.



Seek support from school staff or community groups to help with transportation, health problems, or resources.

