

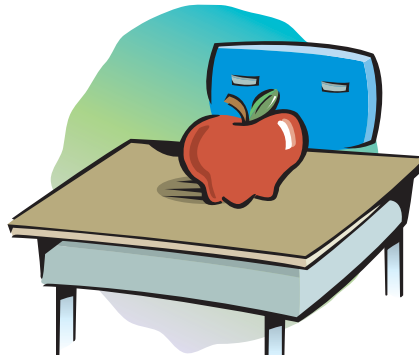
Supporting Common Core State Standards

Attendance is the key to school success

The first step in helping your child adapt to the Common Core State Standards is a simple one: Your child needs to be in school! When your child misses school, he misses out on more than that day's lessons. Research shows that school attendance can have a big impact on success in school and in the future. Share these facts on attendance with your child and make school a top priority in your family.

Know the facts

- **Students who miss school** show lower academic achievement than those with regular attendance. Research confirms that even a small improvement in school attendance can result in higher test scores.
- **Absences add up quickly.** Students who miss just two days of school each month will have missed nearly a whole month of school by the end of that year.
- **Students who miss** even a small amount of school are less likely to graduate. And those who leave school without a high school diploma are more likely to be unemployed than those who graduate.
- **Students who aren't in school** are more likely to get into trouble. One study found that 78% of those who ended up in prison had a first arrest for school truancy.



- **Ask your child** questions about school every day. Be interested and excited about what she is learning.
- **Make sure your child** gets enough sleep to arrive at school well-rested and ready to learn.
- **Set a regular** homework time to ensure that your child is prepared each day.
- **Manage your child's** schedule. Too many after-school activities can leave him too tired to complete homework or to get up in the morning.
- **Keep a sick child at home**—especially if the illness is contagious. But being tired or not feeling like going to school aren't valid reasons to stay home.
- **Avoid scheduling** medical and dental appointments or family vacations during school hours.
- **Keep track** of your child's attendance. Talk to teachers and note attendance on her report cards. See if there are any patterns that need to be changed.
- **Read your school's attendance policy** and review it with your child. Support the school's rules and consequences for absences and tardies.

Make school a top priority

- **Let your child know** that going to school is important. Explain that a good education lays the foundation for success in life.