



# STRIVE FOR LESS THAN 5

## 2016-2017

### EVERY DAY COUNTS!

**Chronic absenteeism leads to risk of failure and drop out.**

**Give your kids the best start they can get in life... an excellent education!**



**F**inishing High School is a goal for every student.

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**I**mproving school attendance improves school success!

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**V**ictory will be achieved when we all work together.

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Cook County Schools, in coordination with the Georgia Department of Education and the United States Office of Special Education (OSEP), is in the process of a multi-year Student Success Improvement Plan (SSIP). The focus of this plan is to improve achievement for Students with Disabilities while improving results for all students. Through the use of general supervision systems in our schools, we will address barriers that impact student success in an effort to improve outcomes for all students.

Local data has been reviewed by a school/community stakeholder group with comparison to the RESA district and state. The goal identified from this review was to increase the graduation rate for all students with a focus on Students with Disabilities (SWD). Several barriers to achieving this goal were identified with chronic absenteeism being one of them. When students are chronically absent, they are at higher risk of failure and/or dropping out. Students who are absent miss valuable classroom instruction which impacts academic achievement. Students missing five or more days fall into this high risk category.

Data below indicates the need for our Every Day Counts campaign.

<b>2014-2015 Attendance Rates</b>	Number of Students	5 or Fewer Days Absent	6-15 Days Absent	More than 15 Days Absent
Economically Disadvantaged	3,382	57.6%	33.9%	8.5%
Male	1,736	57.6%	34.2%	8.2%
Female	1,646	57.7%	33.5%	8.8%
Limited English Proficient	133	60.9%	30.1%	9%
Migrant	87	54%	29.9%	16.1%
Students with Disabilities	463	50.5%	39.7%	9.7%
Students without disabilities	2,919	58.8%	33%	8.3%

<b>Graduation Rate</b>	Graduation Rate for Students with Disabilities	Graduation Rate for All Students
2015	45.8%	80.4%

**Cook County Schools needs the help and support of the entire community in order to achieve this goal.**

We look forward to working together to improve these numbers while helping every student achieve the goal of graduating from high school. A well-educated workforce is a community's best asset and a key factor in economic development.

**Parents, please get on board by monitoring the number of days  
your child is absent, checks in late, or checks out early.  
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