Did You Know?...

- More than nine school days missed can lead to disengagement, and cause a student to get off track to graduation.
- By grade six, absenteeism is one of three signs a student may drop out of high school.
- By grade nine, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than grade eight test scores.
- Missing 10 percent, or about 18 days, of a school year can drastically impact a student’s academic success.
- Students who were chronically absent in kindergarten and grade one are far less likely to read proficiently at the end of grade three.

What You Can Do

1. Talk about the importance of showing up to school everyday. 
   **Make attendance an expectation.**

2. Help your child maintain daily routines. 
   **Expect homework completion, good night’s sleep, etc.**

3. Don’t cause your child to be out of school. 
   **Avoid appointments during school hours, and don’t let your child stay home by choice.**

Communicate with the School

- Know the school’s attendance policy and check on your child’s attendance to verify absences are not piling up.
- Talk to teachers if you notice sudden changes in behavior in your child. These changes could be tied to something happening at school.
- If you are having trouble getting your child to school, ask for help from school officials, after school programs, other parents, or community agencies.

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