Help your student get to school every day so he or she is **challenged, prepared and empowered** for the future.

**Did You KNOW?**

- Missing school can cause students to fall behind in learning and make it hard to catch up.
- Missing one or two days of school every few weeks is enough to cause students to fall behind and become chronically absent.
- By ninth grade, students’ good attendance can predict graduation rates even better than eighth grade test scores.

**Steps you can take to get to school and STAY IN THE GAME.**

**Set Attendance Goals:**

- Chat with your student often about the importance of getting to school each day.
- Make sure you and your student know your school’s attendance policies, including incentives and penalties.
- Ask your student to set and work toward clear attendance goals.

**Maintain Healthy Routines:**

- Emphasize the importance of completing homework and studying for tests and exams.
- Prioritize the importance of a good night’s sleep; school works the brain and the brain needs rest.
- Recognize if your student experiences a rapid behavior change and talk to his or her teachers and guidance counselors as necessary.
- Know your students’ friends and understand their social interactions.
Additional steps you can take to help your child get to school and STAY IN THE GAME.

Discuss Academic Progress and Missed Days:

- Work with your student to monitor his or her academic progress; don’t hesitate to reach out to teachers—this is a partnership.
- Ask your student to complete the Get-2-School Attendance Tracker on a monthly basis.
- The attendance tracker will help you see and track how many days of school your student has missed.

Connect with Educators:

- Regularly stay in touch with your student’s teachers and educators to find out what he or she missed at school.
- Let someone at school know if you are having trouble getting your student to school—whether you face issues with transportation, child care or something else.

Know the GET2SCHOOL Attendance Zones:

- **Green Zone**: 9 or fewer days absent
- **Yellow Zone**: 10 to 17 days absent
- **Red Zone**: 18 or more days absent