You care about your child. You have the greatest hand in his or her future success. That success begins by getting your student to school every day.

**Did You Know?**

- Missing school can cause your student to fall behind in learning and make it hard to catch up.
- By sixth grade, your child’s attendance can predict high school graduation rates.
- Missing one or two days of school every few weeks is enough to cause your student to fall behind.
- Good attendance will help your student do well in high school and after high school.
- Getting to school daily helps your student understand the importance of attendance and learning.

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

**Discuss Attendance Goals:**

- Chat with your student often about the importance of getting to school each day.
- Talk to your student’s teacher, guidance counselor or principal about attendance and any problems you may have getting your student to school.
- Set attendance goals with your student and his or her teacher, guidance counselor or principal.

**Set and Stick to Regular Routines:**

- Stick to a reasonable evening “lights out” bedtime routine.
- Organize backpacks and school clothes the night before.
- Set a regular morning wake-up time to get ready for school.
- Set a daily get-to-school time, which is when your student should leave for school.
- Make a get-to-school plan, which is how your child gets to school safely and on time.
Additional steps you can take to help your child get to school and STAY IN THE GAME.

**Plan Schedules Accordingly**
- Make sure your child has required medical examinations.
- Schedule vacations when school is not in session.
- Schedule medical appointments after school or outside of the school day, when possible.

**Track Missed Days:**
- Complete the Get-2-School Attendance Tracker with your child on a weekly 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 child’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 Get 2 School Attendance Zones**
- **Green Zone:** 9 or fewer days absent
- **Yellow Zone:** 10 to 17 days absent
- **Red Zone:** 18 or more days absent