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 event 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 **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