



Ohio Statewide

Family Engagement Center

at The Ohio State University



Attendance: Key to Your Child's Success

Attending school leads to...

- Improving English skills more quickly.
- More friends at school and feeling like part of the school community.
- Better health and well-being.
- Joining more school activities like music, sports, and other clubs.
- Better relationships with teachers.
- Graduating on time.
- Building skills for college or future jobs.

What can your family do?

- Discuss with your child the benefits of going to school as much as possible.
- Work with your child to track their attendance.
- Have a regular routine at home that makes it easier to get your child to attend school as much as possible.
- Plan with your child, family, or friends to get your child to school on time.
- Ask for help with your questions and challenges with attendance. Your child's school can help!
- Avoid making appointments or plans during your child's school day, unless it is an emergency.
- Ask your child's teachers how your child can make up lessons and assignments they missed.

When should your child miss school?

- They have a fever of 101.4 or above.
- They vomited two more times in the past 24 hours.
- They have trouble getting to the bathroom in time.
- Their stool is watery.

Did you know?

Ohio schools measure attendance **by the hours** a child is in school each year from kindergarten through graduation. It is important to be on time and not leave early.

Each hour adds up.

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