

Every Day Counts



Regular attendance is one of the best ways to help ensure students are successful in school and later in life. It can lead to better grades, developing important social skills and friendships, and a greater opportunity of graduating from high school.

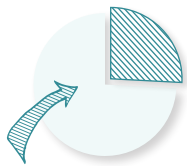
When attending school regularly, students are present for class discussions, demonstrations, group work, hands-on activities, etc. These are among the most effective ways for students to learn.

The numbers for absenteeism tell us that schools and families need to work together, more closely, to ensure students have good attendance and are on time for class.

Regular attendance starts at the elementary level so that students receive the instructional time necessary to develop basic skills which are the building blocks for future learning.

If you need help with your child attending school regularly, your school can help.

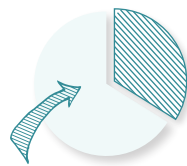
Absenteeism by the numbers



26% of all students from primary to grade 12 miss 16 or more days of school



19% of elementary students are missing 16 or more days of school



34% of junior high students are missing 16 or more days of school a year



31% of high school students are missing 16 or more days of school a year



6% of all students missed more than 35 days of school in a year

How parents can help



Discuss with your child, the importance of having good attendance.



If transportation is a problem, contact your principal or vice-principal for help in getting your child to school.



When possible, book routine appointments outside class times. The policy recognizes that there is no flexibility with some appointments.



If your child complains of stomach pains, consider that they may be related to stress. Ask your child if something at school is bothering them.

Data has been obtained from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and is current as of the September 30, 2015–16 school year.

For additional information, visit our website:
www.ednet.ns.ca/student-attendance-and-engagement-policy

