

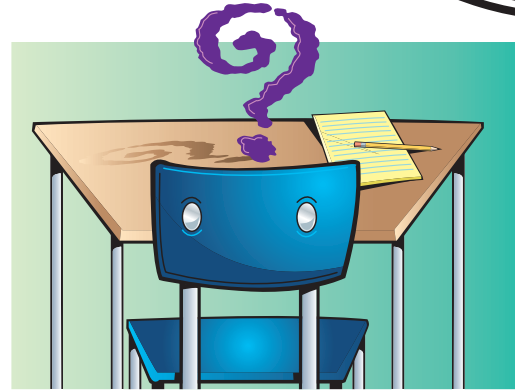
# Make Regular School Attendance a Priority

**Y**ou may not think you're doing anything special when you help your child get off to school each morning. But think again! Experts say that nothing is more important to school success than the routine and discipline of regular attendance. Here's why:

- **Students can't learn when they're not in class.** Learning depends on teachers working with students. It depends on hearing answers to questions other students ask. And it depends on group work and using school resources.
- **Learning builds day by day.** Today's learning builds on what happened in class yesterday. If your child was absent, there's no foundation to build on.
- **Regular attendance teaches responsibility.** A child who attends school regularly takes responsibility for following rules—and stays out of trouble at school.

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Show your child that you believe school and attendance are important. Plan vacations, shopping trips and medical appointments for non-school hours. Help your child form routines that make it easier to be on time, such as setting out clothes the night before.

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