

When is “SICK,” *TOO* sick for school?



Send me to school if...

- I have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms.
- I haven't taken any fever reducing medicine for 24 hours, and I haven't had a fever during that time.
- I haven't thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours.



Keep me at home if...

- I have a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees even after taking medicine.
- I'm throwing up or have diarrhea.
- My eyes are pink and crusty.



Call the doctor if...

- I have a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees for more than two days.
- I've been throwing up or have diarrhea for more than two days.
- I've had the sniffles for more than a week, and they aren't getting better.
- I still have asthma symptoms after using my asthma medicine (and call 911 if I'm having trouble breathing after using the inhaler).

IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT DUE TO ILLNESS, PLEASE REPORT TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL TO LET US KNOW. PARENTS MAY CALL, BRING A NOTE TO SCHOOL, OR SUBMIT ELECTRONICALLY FROM THE SCHOOL WEBSITE; UNDER CONTACT, SELECT REPORT AN ABSENCE.

ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



PRESCHOOLERS

build skills and develop
good habits for showing
up on time



ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

read well by the
end of third grade



HIGH SCHOOLERS

stay on track for
graduation



COLLEGE STUDENTS

earn their degrees



WORKERS

succeed in
their jobs

Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year—that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track.



Advancing Student Success By Reducing Chronic Absence



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