



SCHOOL SUCCESS BEGINS WITH ATTENDANCE

What happens when a student misses one day of school, for any reason?



- ✓ A student must work twice as hard the next day to catch up on missed information and missed homework. The U.S. Department of Education maintains that for every missed day of school, it takes a student two days to catch up.
- ✓ A teacher loses class time by having to teach one student something the entire class was taught the day before, which then affects lesson plans for the next day. This impacts the entire class, not just the absent student. Now multiply this by a class of 30 over the course of a year and it impacts even the highest achievers.
- ✓ A school loses funding, anywhere from \$30 to \$50, depending on the school district. This could affect the ability to purchase supplies for the classroom, such as textbooks and updated computer software. Multiply this by 500 students, and it could mean the difference between hiring or laying off staff, buying new equipment, or funding a new program. Absences in the San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) for the '05-06 school year cost the district \$28.8 million in lost revenues.
- ✓ A community loses valuable resources at a huge cost. Students who miss school challenge our community with immeasurable lost time and countless millions of dollars in human services for “repair work” in areas such as crime, counseling, and drugs.

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