

TIPS FOR PARENTS WHEN A CHILD DOES NOT ATTEND SCHOOL

1. Talk and Listen - Ask why your child does not want to attend school and listen calmly.
2. Make Attendance a Priority - Explain the importance of attending school every day.
3. Establish Routines - Set consistent bedtimes, wake-up times, and prepare for school the night before.
4. Work With the School - Maintain communication with teachers, counselors, and attendance staff.
5. Address Barriers - Identify transportation, health, family, or mental health issues affecting attendance.
6. Monitor Attendance - Follow up immediately regarding absences, tardies, or early dismissals.
7. Encourage Positive Involvement - Support participation in school activities and positive relationships.
8. Use Positive Reinforcement - Praise attendance improvements and positive efforts.
9. Provide Documentation - Submit medical excuses and required paperwork promptly.
10. Seek Help Early - Contact the school when attendance concerns first arise.

***REMEMBER: Regular school attendance is one of the most important factors in a child's academic success. Parents, schools, and community partners working together can help students overcome barriers and achieve their goals**