

# SHOW UP FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



## Showing Up for Success

Did you know that missing 10 percent, or one or two days every few weeks, is a strong indicator that a student is struggling? Chronic absenteeism in middle and high school students can point to a variety of issues from academic struggles to bullying.

Did you know?

- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school\*
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores\*

## How can you help?

Some absences are unavoidable, but parents can play an important role in supporting attendance for middle and high school students:

- Check in with your student - from knowing their social contacts to keeping up with academics, there are a variety of ways to check in on their wellbeing
- Encourage your student to join meaningful afterschool activities to stay engaged with their peers and school
- Reach out to your school for help - your student's school can help with solutions and strategies to help your student feel comfortable and motivated in the school environment

Students who understand the importance of attendance will take this skill to the workplace and beyond. Let's safeguard student achievement while helping Idaho students to succeed beyond the classroom.

