

# School Attendance Tips for Parents

**A**lways know the school's policies on absences and making up homework.

**T**each your child that being on time each day is important.

**T**alk with your child about why he or she is avoiding school.

**E**xplain to your child the importance of attending school every day.

**N**otify school personnel if your child is going to be absent for any reason.

**D**iscourage your child from leaving school before the end of the school day.

**A**rrange for your child's personal appointments to be held after school or during breaks whenever possible.

**N**otify your school promptly in writing to explain why your child was absent from school.

**C**ontact teachers to find out what your child's homework assignments are when he or she has been absent.

**E**nlist the help of a school counselor if your child's academic problems seem to be affecting his or her attendance.



## One Empty Chair Is One Too Many!