

Attendance Assistance Program

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I had no idea that history was being made. I was just tired of giving up. – Rosa Parks

In the cold dreary winter months, the easy thing to do is stay home. Speaking as someone who hates being cold, getting out the door in the morning is sometimes a challenge. Consider doing an incentive for the month of February to spur on good attendance. At home, parents can offer incentives like a movie night or picking out a snack for the weekend. Incentives don't need to be big gestures, the purpose of the incentive is to show care and let acknowledge that your child is working toward success.



Do you have a back up plan for if the weather is bad and students can't walk to school?

When temperatures drop or snow and rain are coming down, walking to school can be tough. Making a plan with neighbors, friends, or family members to carpool so students don't need to walk in bad weather is a great idea. If you don't know anyone else in your area, maybe asking the teacher to connect you to another parent would be a good way to start sharing that responsibility. Then students don't miss out because they didn't have a ride to school.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Participation in early education programs, like preschool and Head Start, lead to better attendance in kindergarten.
- Starting in kindergarten, missing 10% of school (or just 2 days every month) can make it harder to learn to read and cause children to fall behind in school.
- Good attendance, whether class is held in person or remotely, can help children do well in school, and eventually in the workplace and in college.

