



## Improving the school attendance of New Jersey's youngest learners

### Attendance in Preschool and Kindergarten Spells Future Success!

Every day that your preschooler or kindergartner is in school builds their foundation for learning. Missing two or more days each month can make it harder for them to succeed. Navigating the path to your child's learning is a team effort.



**Busy schedule?** Set up a morning routine. Prepare your child's backpack the night before.



**Transportation issues?** Talk to a neighbor or other parent to create a backup plan for transportation.



**Not sure how many days your child has missed?** Ask your child's teacher for updates or start to track days on your own.



**Not sure when to keep your child home from school?** Check with your school nurse or doctor.



#### Regular attendance helps your child:



Learn numbers, letters, and shapes



Learn to manage emotions and behaviors



Learn early reading and writing skills



Achieve future academic milestones



**Let's work together to make sure children attend school every day!**  
Questions? Contact your child's teacher, school, or parent organization.

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