

✓ FEET TO THE SEAT

BE IN CLASS EVERY DAY

Regular school attendance may seem like the norm, but many Arkansas students suffer from chronic absence, which can leave them struggling to keep up in class. As your family starts the new school year, make sure your child is in the classroom on time, every day!



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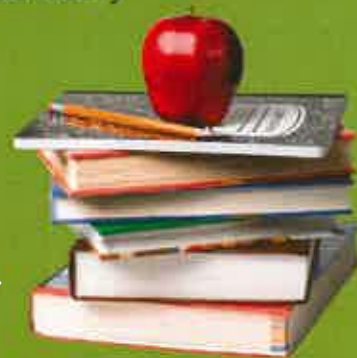
Students are considered chronically absent when they miss ten percent of the school year for any reason.

You may not realize it, but that's only **TWO DAYS A MONTH!**



Students who are absent fewer days perform better academically.

Children who are chronically absent are less likely to: read at their grade level by third grade, be proficient in math by middle school and graduate high school.



A student cannot make up for too many absences with homework and take-home assignments.

Being present in the classroom helps your student develop social skills and friendships.

An absence is a missed opportunity to learn something a student will need in order to understand more difficult material later.



In Little Rock, over half of the elementary schools have a chronic absence rate of ten percent or more.