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10 FACTS *About School Attendance*

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In NJ, chronic absenteeism is defined as missing 10% or more of the school year.

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Nationally, chronic absence appears to have doubled by the end of the 2021-22 school year. We estimate that it now affects nearly one out of three students (or 16 million vs. 8 million students in the 2018-19 school year).

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The effects of absenteeism can be felt early in a student's academic career.

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Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade.

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By 6th grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator of whether a student will drop out of high school.

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Research shows that missing 10 percent of the school year, or about 18 days, can negatively affect a student's academic performance.

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Students who live in communities with high levels of poverty are four times more likely to be chronically absent than others.

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When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.

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Attendance improves when schools engage students and parents in positive ways and when schools provide mentors for chronically absent students.

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Being absent just two times per month can lead to a student being considered chronically absent.

(Adapted from
<http://www.attendanceworks.org/chronic-absence/the-problem/10-facts-about-school-attendance/>)

