



# Hopatcong Borough Schools

Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

Tips to Help Your Child Succeed in School

## THINGS TO KNOW

- Students can fall behind just by missing one or two days of school a week.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Student absences can affect a whole class if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.
- The academic impact of missing school is the same with absences that are excused or unexcused.
- When students improve their attendance, they improve their academic achievements and chances for graduating.
- Attendance is an important life skill that helps students to graduate from high school, college and maintain a job.



every day counts

ATTEND TODAY -  
ACHIEVE TOMORROW!

## 3 Facts about School Attendance

- Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year.
- When students attend school they improve their academic prospect and chances for graduating.
- Attendance improves when parents engage with their children in positive ways.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular schedule for your child.
- Help to create a bed time and morning routine.
- If your child feels anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel more comfortable and excited about school.
- Develop back-up plans for times where things come up. Work with family members, a neighbor or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.
- Talk to your child about what they are learning in school.
- Help your child get organized to do homework.
- Make rules about homework.
- Talk to your child about the importance of attending school.
- Encourage meaningful after school activities including sports, clubs and community service.
- If you are having trouble getting your child to school asks for help from school officials, guidance counselors, after school programs or community agencies.

For more information, please visit: [www.hopatcongschools.org](http://www.hopatcongschools.org)

[Tips referenced in: [www.attendanceworks.org](http://www.attendanceworks.org)]