



Attendance Matters!



Attending class every day helps your child learn, make friends, and build healthy habits for school success. With a little planning and support, you can help your child develop a strong routine and positive attitude toward school.

Why It's Important

Learning happens every day

Each day of school builds on the last, especially in First Steps 4K. Regular attendance keeps your child on track with new lessons and skills.

Good habits start early

Going to school every day teaches your child good attendance habits for the future.

Building friendships

School is where your child makes new friends and learns important social skills. Missing school can mean missing out on social skill development.

Tips for Regular Attendance

Set a daily routine

A regular bedtime and morning routine helps everyone feel ready for the day.

Plan appointments and trips wisely

Schedule doctor visits after school hours when possible, and save family trips for school breaks.

Ask for help if needed

If getting your child to school is a challenge, reach out to the school. They're there to support you and can help find solutions.

When to Keep Your Child Home Sick

It's normal for children to occasionally say they don't feel well, especially if they're anxious about going to school. Try talking with your child about what's bothering them, and only keep them at home if:

They have had a **fever over 101°F** within the past 24 hours

They have had **vomiting or diarrhea** within the past 24 hours

They are **not well enough** to participate in class

If you're ever unsure, ask your medical provider for guidance.

Source: American Academy of Pediatrics Council on School Health (2024)

IMPORTANT

Regular attendance is a requirement of First Steps 4K. If your child has more than 10 absences, they will be removed from the program and lose their academic scholarship. If you're having trouble getting your child to school, talk with your child's teacher or school leader. We're here to help.