

BE HERE. GET THERE. EVERY DAY IN SCHOOL MATTERS.

Every day in school matters - good attendance predicts academic success and graduating from high school on time.

Seattle Public Schools has set a goal of having 80% of students with fewer than 10 absences by 2013.

- In the 2009-10 school year, only 62% of students were meeting that goal. We can do better.

While good attendance is critical to academic success, chronic absence puts students at risk of academic failure and eventually dropping out.



Chronic absence is defined by missing 10% or more of school days in a school year. In Seattle, this means missing 18 or more days. In 2009, the chronic absence rates in Seattle Public Schools included:

- 10% of elementary school students missed 18 or more days of school
- 20% of middle school students missed 18 or more days
- 25% of high school students missed 18 or more days

What does this mean for our community? We all have to do more to ensure our students have the means by which to get the school and the desire to be in school every day.

