



## LOWELL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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### **Be in school, be on Track.....In Lowell Attendance Matters!**

Did You Know...?

School attendance is an important factor for academic success! The fact is if your child is not in school, they cannot learn at the same rate as their peers and they will fall behind, putting them at greater risk for failure.

Research shows that students who attend school every day are more likely to graduate from high school, be college ready and have a successful life. Students who are chronically absent are at greater risk for dropping out of school, incarceration, substance abuse and homelessness.

If your child misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of elementary school they will have missed a complete year (180) days of school.

Being tardy for school hurts a child's learning. A student who is 10 minutes late for school every day will end up missing 30 hours of instruction during the year. That equals a full week of school!

Lowell Public Schools' Attendance Officers are committed to helping all students reach their goals. They work closely with school administrators, teachers, counselors, nurses and community partners to ensure students are attending school regularly and following school rules.

Our Attendance Officer is here to help. Her contact information is:

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