

WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

There are 194 school days in a given year. Missing a “few” might not seem like a big deal, but “a day here and a day there” can add up to a substantial amount of opportunity lost.

| If your Child Misses... | That Equals... | Which Is... | Over 13 School Years that's... |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 day every 2 weeks | 20 days per year | 4 weeks per year | Nearly 1 ½ years of school |
| 1 day per week | 40 days per year | 8 weeks per year | Over 2 ½ years of school |
| 2 days per week | 80 days per year | 16 weeks per year | Over 5 years of school |
| 3 days per week | 120 days per year | 24 weeks per year | Almost 8 years of school |

How about just being late? Surely that won't affect my child's learning?

| But only missing... | That Equals... | Which Is.... | Over 13 School Years that's... |
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| 10 Minutes per day | 50 minutes per week | Almost 1 ½ weeks per year | Nearly ½ of a year |
| 20 Minutes per day | 1hr and 40 Min per week | Over 2 ½ weeks per year | Nearly one year |
| 30 Minutes per day | Half a day per week | 4 weeks per year | Almost 1 ½ years |
| 1 hour per day | 1 day per week | 8 weeks per year | Over 2 ½ years |

Source: Ontario Special Needs, Tweeted August 2019

Everyday matters, routine matters. Having a healthy routine that includes regular attendance is important to child's success.

If you have a concern, please talk to us at school.

