

# Build Bright Futures



FROM DAY ONE!

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS**





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- Goal of realizing 95% attendance for all of Alaska's students!
- Attendance in the early years predicts future success in school
- Supports Alaska's Challenge & AK Reads Act



# Chronic Absence in Alaska



In 2022:



More than 45% of Alaskan students were chronically absent, missing at least 10% of the school year



Alaska's chronic absence rate was higher than every other state but one, Arizona



State NAEP scores dropped, with some 25% of the decline explained by increased absenteeism



# Impacts of Chronic Absenteeism



Chronic absence creates barriers for students by:



adding stress to learning due to missed content, putting them at risk academically



interrupting relationship-building with peers and adults



limiting access to resources, like meals or mental health support







hindering growth in extracurriculars, like sports and music



# Impacts of Regular Attendance



Regular attendance opens doors for students by:

-  increasing engagement in learning
-  building positive routines and habits
-  creating a sense of security
-  reducing stress while enhancing wellbeing





# Background Knowledge



10 Facts about school attendance

Alaska DEED Absenteeism Toolkit

