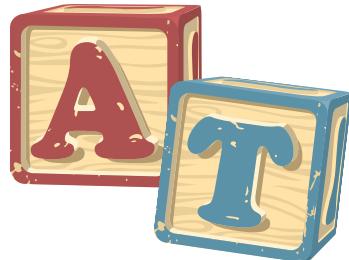


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ATTENDANCE MATTERS





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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

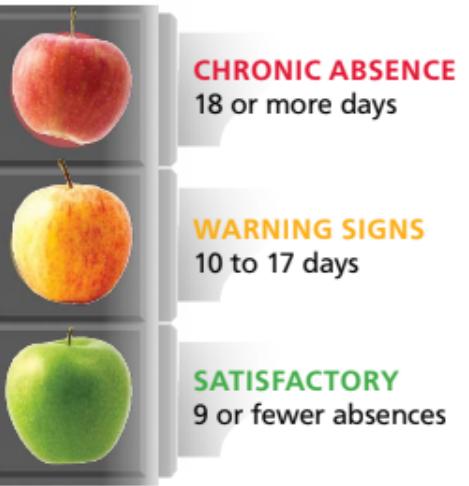


Chronic absence creates barriers for students by:

-  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



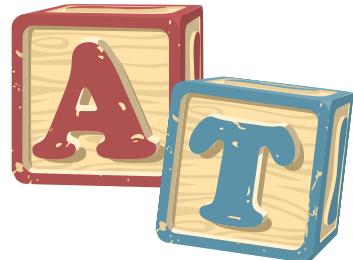
Impacts of Regular Attendance



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

