

# Help Your Child Succeed in Life:

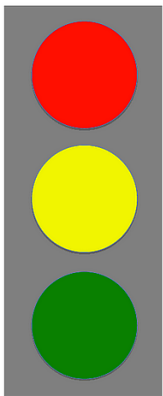
## **Build the Habit of Good School Attendance**

### DID YOU KNOW?

- It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to get their child to school.
- Missing just five days of school means 30 hours of missed instruction.
- Starting in kindergarten, there is a direct link between absences and reading level.
- One in ten kindergarten and first grade students is chronically absent.
- Students who are chronically absent are 7.5 times more likely to drop out of high school.

### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and backpack the night before.
- Develop a back-up plan for how your child is getting to school in case something comes up. Call on a friend, family member or neighbor.
- Don't let your child stay home unless he or she is really sick. A stomach ache can be a sign of anxiety or avoidance.
- Have your doctor fax or email the school directly.
- Talk to your teacher or school leader if you need additional help or resources.



#### **CHRONIC ABSENCE**

10 or more days

#### **WARNING SIGNS**

7-9 days

#### **SATISFACTORY**

6 or fewer days



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