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SEPTEMBER IS ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH
Encouraging Students to be at School on Time, Every Day



Montgomery, Ala. – There’s no better time than the beginning of the school year to remind and encourage students to be in school on time, every day. Millions of hours of instruction and learning, every year, are missed due to absences.

[Poor attendance](#) can start as early as kindergarten and continue to affect achievement through high school. Chronic absenteeism is missing 10% (18 to 20 days) or more of school for any reason. Research indicates that attendance is a major indicator for students eventually dropping out of school.

September is Alabama Attendance Awareness Month in support of the national campaign. The campaign is designed to increase understanding for educators, parents, students, and community partners of the major impact school attendance has on the success rates, both academically and behaviorally, of our students.

With local schools [promoting](#) Attendance Awareness Month students and parents/guardians can become more aware of the crucial need for students to be at school, on time, every day. Schools and systems will be sharing their promotions of Attendance Awareness Month as well. The Alabama State Department of Education supports and encourages the use of learning support services and innovative pathways to address attendance as the major contributor for facilitating academic and behavioral success of our students.

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