

ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW.

Research shows that students with good attendance are more likely to: perform on or above grade level in reading and math; build lasting relationships that support their social and emotional well-being; and graduate high school on time.

The School District of Philadelphia is here to help. Use this checklist to be sure your student is ready to attend school on the first day, and every day during the school year.

BEFORE the school year begins



- Make sure your child is up to date on required immunizations**
Free school-required vaccines are available at any Philadelphia [CityLife Health Clinic](#) or [City Health Center](#). Schedule an appointment at philasd.org/vax or call 1-877-926-9272.
- Know your child's bell & bus schedule**
Check the school's website or call the school office for details.
- Plan your daily routine with your child**
Post it at home using our *Daily Routine reminder*. As school nears, start setting back your child's bedtime and waking them up earlier if needed to make getting to school on time easier.
- Make a plan and backup plan for getting to school on time**
It's so important to have people in your life who have your back. Ask family, friends or neighbors to be your school drop-off back up. And be theirs, too.

- Plan ahead for early dismissal days**
Learning continues on these days so be sure your child attends school and has an after-school care plan in place if needed.
- Moved? New phone number? Update your contact information**
Having correct information on file allows school staff to keep in touch with you on attendance and other matters, and during an emergency.
- Register for a Parent and Family Portal account** *if you don't yet have one*
It makes information such as your child's attendance, grades, and test scores available to you anytime. Register at philasd.org/pfportal.



DURING the school year

- Celebrate great attendance at home**
Let your child know you care about school because when you're excited, they are too! Reinforce that attendance is key to their academic and future success. Use our *Weekly Attendance Tracker* and *Attendance Hero Certificate* to make it fun for all.
- Talk to your child's principal, teachers or the school nurse.**
If you are having or expect to have attendance challenges, they can help.

Visit philasd.org/attendtoday to find the Daily Routine reminder, Attendance Tracker and Hero Certificate, and more attendance resources and information.