

# Understanding Chronic Absenteeism

## Great Attendance Equals College & Career Readiness

Number of Days Absent	Attendance Rate	Instructional Time Loss Months	Instructional Time Loss in Hours
9	95%	½ Month	49.5 hours
18	90%	1 Month	99 hours
27	85%	1 ½ Month	148.5 hours
37	80%	2 Months	203.5 hours
46	75%	2 ½ Months	253 hours
55	70%	3 Months	302 hours
64	65%	3 ½ Months	352 hours
73	60%	4 Months	401.5 hours

Chronically absent students are defined as missing 20 or more days in a school year—that’s 2 days a month, or roughly less than 90% attendance at any point in the school year.