SHOWING UP TO SCHOOL IS POWER

When a student misses school, it becomes harder to get good grades, keep up in class, and graduate. Going to school isn't just about following rules, it's about ensuring students have the tools they need to thrive.

What is 'missing too much school'?

Missing 10 days of school for any reason, excused or unexcused, throughout the year.

Why Attendance Matters

Reading Levels: Students who miss a lot of school are less likely to read at grade level.
Graduating: Poor attendance reduces the chance of graduating by 4X.
Confidence & Growth: Too many absences cause students to fall behind, get discouraged, and underachieve.

Illinois is Committed to Safe Schools for All

We understand that safety is a priority for families, especially as we face the uncertainties of ICE in our cities. The Illinois **Safe Schools for All Act** (HB3247) is a law that protects every child's right to an education regardless of immigration status.

Know Your Rights

- Schools cannot let immigration enforcement officers on their property without a judicial warrant.
- Schools cannot ask about a student or a parent's immigration status nor threaten to disclose it to others.
- Students and parents regardless of their immigration status can participate in school activities that take place on the school property.
- If you experience a violation of this law, you have the right to file a lawsuit.

Claim Your Right to an Education

We encourage families and students to visit our website to learn more about the protections and support systems available to ensure every student can attend class safely and consistently.

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