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Stellar Student Tip #2: Show Up

Watch the Good Morning America video

How many American students are chronically absent? Circle one.

1 million 5 million More than 10 million

How many days in a year do you need to miss to be chronically absent?

8 days 18 days 28 days 38 days

Name three reasons listed for why students might be absent.

- _____
- _____
- _____

How much did attendance in Saint Louis fall after the pandemic? From 97% to.... 80% 85% 90%

What is one strategy Communities in Schools is trying to battle absenteeism? _____

What are two other reasons given for absences?

- _____
- _____

Watch the Longest Roll Call video

How many names are on the list?

500 1,500 1 million 15 million 100 million

What stood out to you in the video? _____

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Slideshow

Look at the chart on absenteeism rates by year. What do you notice?

How many days per month have you missed this year? _____

Think about your own attendance. Are you on track to be chronically absent? (1 class every 1-2 days/ 2 days a month/18+ per year) _____

Why have you missed classes or days of school- this year or last?

- I was absent because _____
- I was absent because _____
- I was absent because _____

What other reasons have you seen for friends missing class or school?

Watch the Brookings Institute Building Block video

What are two negative outcomes associated with absenteeism?

What is the impact on students with good attendance? _____

Is absenteeism just a high school problem? _____

Are chronically absent students more or less likely to graduate? _____

Name one strategy they share for improving attendance _____

Slideshow

Chart 1 shows _____ Chart 4 shows _____

Chart 2 shows _____ Chart 5 shows _____

Chart 3 shows _____ Overall, they show _____

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Why else does attendance matter? _____

Watch the PBS News Hour video segment 1

Is Amanda Watkins's kid's attendance typical for Cleveland? _____

How does the principal try to make parents feel welcome?

- _____
- _____

Why does the principal do it? _____

Watch the PBS News Hour video segment 2

What are other ways that Cleveland schools are trying to get kids in?

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

How did the high school reward good attendance? _____

What does the district say works? _____

Which solution of Cleveland's do you like best? _____

Why? _____

Watch Iowa Starting Line clip

What are three creative ways schools are approaching attendance?

- _____
- _____
- _____

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Which one is your favorite? _____

Why? _____

Slideshow: Solutions

What motivates you to come to school? _____

What motivates you to go to class? _____

Of the solutions we discussed, what seems the most helpful? Why?

Of the solutions we discussed, what seems the least helpful? Why?

If you were a school leader, what other solutions would you suggest?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

In your opinion what could _____ do to improve attendance?

● Your teachers: _____

● Our school: _____

● Our community: _____

● Our state: _____

● The country: _____

