

At Intrinsic, we believe that postsecondary success stems from a school that prioritizes three key elements:



STRONG INSTRUCTION



EXPOSURE AND OPPORTUNITIES



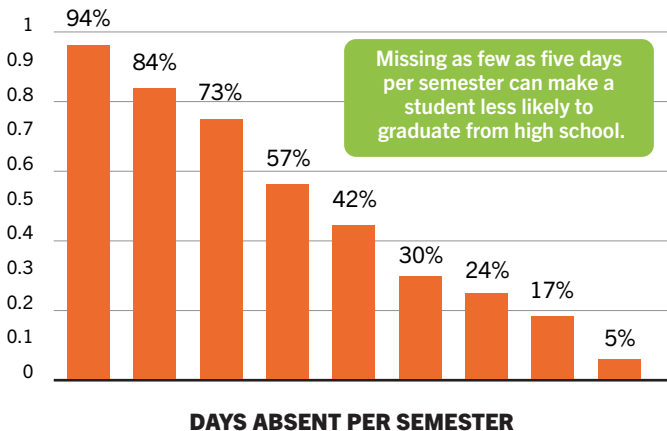
A DEEP CONNECTION TO THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Throughout the year, I look forward to communicating with you about how we can partner to best support your students in each of these areas.

ONE OF THE KEYS TO STUDENT SUCCESS IS STRONG STUDENT ATTENDANCE. Both students and staff need to be present at school to create a sense of community where we can learn and grow together. Unfortunately, many schools across the country have seen an increase in student absenteeism, contributing to lower academic achievement and more disengaged students.

The chart below shows the impact that even five days of absence per semester can have on student performance. The first and most important step in supporting your student's education is to ensure they attend school – every day and for the full day!

Four-year Graduation Rate by Attendance



Frequent tardiness can hurt a student's connection to school. At Intrinsic, each day begins with advisory, where students meet with their advisor and the same group of students to connect, set goals, and prepare for the day. These connections with peers and advisors are disrupted if the student is frequently absent. Arriving late is disruptive and can also impact the quality of activities designed for sharing and social-emotional learning.

Additionally, early dismissals can be equally harmful to student success. Whenever possible, we ask that you schedule any needed appointments outside of school hours. Because of our unique approach to scheduling, missing just one class can mean a student might not see that teacher for an entire week in some subjects.

Here are some family strategies to ensure your student attends school daily and arrives on time:

- SET AND STICK TO A MORNING ROUTINE.**
 When students wake up at the same time every day and stick to consistent morning rituals, forming the good habits needed for better attendance becomes easier.
- TALK ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**
 Maintaining an open dialogue about time management and punctuality gives children the opportunity to express if they are struggling with any aspects of school that may lead to poor attendance.
- MONITOR YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE.** You are invited to check in with us regularly to make sure you're aware of any attendance issues (or successes!). Our goal is to be your partner in improving your student attendance.

Being at school every day matters. Thank you for joining us in supporting your student's academic success through regular attendance.




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