


The FACTS about Chronic Absenteeism

Chronic Absenteeism is defined as missing 18 days in a school year




Most Research Emphasizes the Impact of Chronically Absent Students




Less likely to read at grade level by the end of 3rd grade

4X more likely to drop out of high school than their peers



Perform lower on reading and math achievement than their peers

Less likely to be enrolled in a Gifted & Talented Program



20 to 40% of those chronically absent need additional supplemental or intensive academic or behavioral support

When a student misses just 4 days a month, they miss 40 days a school year. By graduation, they've missed 2 years of school.



By working together, all of us—educators, schools, public officials, public agencies, civic organizations, businesses, philanthropic groups, families and students—can help all children get to school every day so they have an opportunity to learn, flourish and realize their dreams. For more information, contact the Rockingham County Schools Instructional Support Services Department.