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Conversation Starters

Absence Does Not Make the School's Heart Grow Fonder – 8th Grade

You know your student the best, so the following talking points are simply a guideline to use in starting a conversation with your 8th grader about how school attendance plays a very large role in academic success.

- ▶ Regular school attendance matters now in order to create good habits and earn good grades. Missing class may lead to poor grades because you may struggle to catch up with classwork.
- ▶ Attendance matters in order to succeed in college and in your career. Frequent absences from work may result in getting fired and keep you from getting promoted.
- ▶ We expect you to attend school daily, unless you are ill, and to be a person who lives up to your responsibilities.
- ▶ If you are trying to avoid something at school, talk to us about it. We will do our best to help you develop a strategy and the determination to face it head-on.
- ▶ (If feasible for your family) Let's discuss how we can reward you for consistent school attendance.



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