



**SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM**

ATTENDANCE *Matters*

Starting as early as preschool and kindergarten, regular attendance is essential for students gaining the academic and social skills they need to succeed.

Research shows that when students are chronically absent (missing 10% or more of the school year or 18 days over an entire year), they are less likely to read proficiently by third grade, achieve in middle school and graduate from high school.

**QUESTIONS? CONCERNS?
CALL YOUR SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER**

**DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS
912-395-5584**

Did you know?

- Only **five days** of absences per school year will be excused with a parent note.
- After your parent notes have been used, an **excused absence** requires a physician's or a hospital's statement, court subpoena, order of governmental agencies, funeral notice, or obituary.
- Students who accumulate **more than ten** unexcused absences will be considered **truant**

