

The Relationship Between Attendance and Success

How important is attendance?

The attendance rate is important because students are more likely to succeed in academics when they attend school consistently. It's difficult for the teacher and the class to build their skills and progress if a large number of students are frequently absent. In addition to falling behind in academics, students who are not in school on a regular basis are more likely to get into trouble with the law and cause problems in their communities.

A 2008 study conducted by the Rodel Community Scholars at Arizona State University that tracked students from kindergarten through high school found that dropout patterns were linked with poor attendance, beginning in kindergarten. Gregory Hickman, director of the Rodel Community Scholars program and former director of the Arizona Dropout Initiative, notes they discovered that as early as kindergarten, behavioral differences are apparent between those who go on to graduate and those who drop out, with dropouts missing an average of 124 days by eighth grade.

Source: GreatSchools.com

Attendance (Punctuality)

Attends class; arrives/leaves on time; notifies instructor in advance of planned absences; completes assignments on time; takes exams at scheduled times; completes exams within scheduled time limits.

Upon completion of this lesson, students will understand the importance of attendance in the classroom and workplace. In addition, the objectives listed below should be met.

- Understand the importance of punctuality/attendance
- Attend/leave class on time
- Notify instructor in advance of planned absences
- Make up assignments punctually

Overview

A student's attendance behaviors affect the success of that individual, the class, or business. Employer expectations, like that of an instructor, are simple - be present and on time. And should circumstances arise that cause one to be absent or late,

call and let a supervisor/teacher know. This module examines instructor and employer expectations, student obligations, and the negative outcomes of poor attendance. In addition, the student will have an opportunity to focus on attendance behaviors by participating in various activities chosen by the instructor.

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WHEN Should I Inform the Instructor or Boss?

There are 2 types of reasons for missing work:

1. EMERGENCIES
2. SPECIAL OCCASIONS

According to the WHEN rule, you should give your instructor or employer as much notice as possible if you have to miss work.

EMERGENCIES: Call ASAP (As Soon As Possible) - as soon as you find out you will have to miss class or work. You can often give your instructor or boss three hours notice or more and the instructor has notification prior to class or the boss then has a chance to find someone to replace you.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS: You almost always know about these long in advance. Your instructor or the boss expects you to give notice of this kind of absence before he/she walks into the classroom or makes up the work schedule. This is usually one or two weeks ahead of time, but check to see how much notice your instructor or employer needs.