

Every Day Matters

What is Chronic Absenteeism?

Chronic absenteeism refers to missing too much school for any reason, including excused and unexcused absences as well as suspensions. Oregon and our school define chronic absenteeism as missing 10% of the entire school year. This is equivalent to 14 days missed per school year, or approximately two missed days per month.

If a pattern of missing two school days per month starts in kindergarten and continues every year thereafter, the student will have missed the equivalent of an entire school year by the time they're a senior in high school.

Why is it Important?

What happens when students don't attend school regularly? Chronic absenteeism can occur as early as preschool and kindergarten and has been shown to influence social outcomes and relate to future chronic absenteeism, grade retention, and poor academic achievement.

Need help?

Contact our school or the Grant County Education Service District at 541-575-1349.