

## **DCSD Schedule of Release**

Nov. 22	185 non-school days
Dec 8	Education+Attendance+Effort=Endless Possibilities
Dec. 22	Every Minute Counts
Jan 8th, 2024	Every School Day Counts
Jan.22	Keep your child on track
Feb. 8	Absences add up
Feb. 22	Skip school today, Feel lost in class tomorrow
March 8	Are you on the 5 Day plan?
March 22	Be an attendance superhero!
April 8	Are you in the Game?
April 22	Are you tough enough?
May 8	Attend today achieve tomorrow
May 22	Attendance Matters Any Age Any Stage

### **TAKE A BREAK - FOR SUMMER**

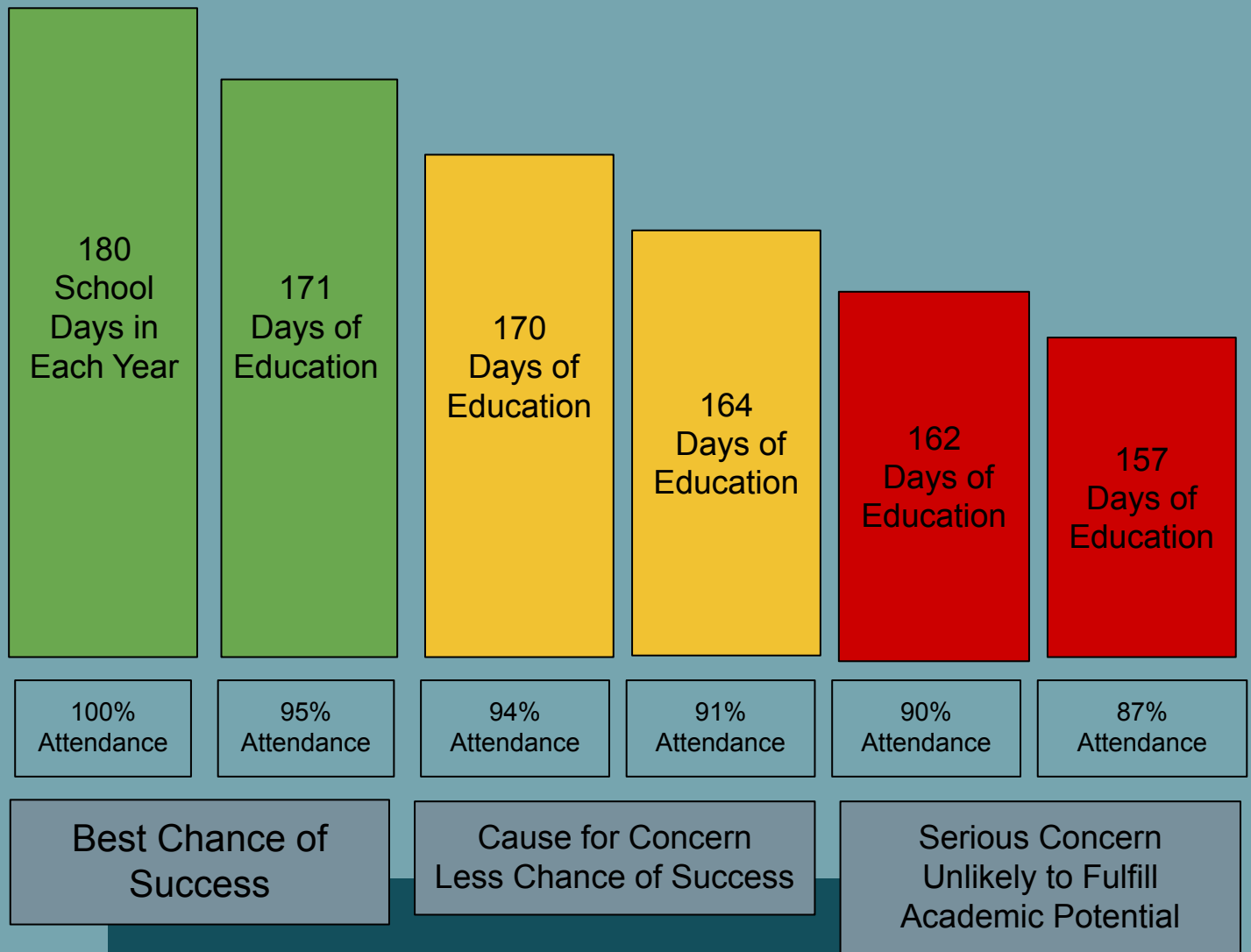
Aug 8	Attend School ready and excited to learn
Aug 22	When your in school you....
Sept. 8	Learning does NOT happen in an empty seat!
Sept. 22	Absences Add + UP!
Oct. 8	Success
Oct. 22	Knowledge Awaits
Nov. 8	Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much but absences add up
Nov. 22	Missing School is Missing out!
Dec 8	Help your child succeed in school
Dec. 22	The greater the attendance the greater the achievement
Jan 8th, 2024	It's not ok to be away
Jan.22	Attendance Works

**Repeat from Beginning**

# Attendance Matters

185 non school days per academic year for family time, visits, holidays and shopping

180 school days per year for learning



## SEE YOU AT SCHOOL

# EDUCATION+ATTENDANCE+EFFORT = ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES!

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**DAYS ABSENCE**  
**100% ATTENDANCE**



More time in  
school means  
more time to  
LEARN,  
DEVELOP, &  
GROW!

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**DAYS ABSENCE**  
**95% ATTENDANCE**

\*The State of Utah considers  
90% & below as chronic  
absenteeism.

If possible, DO  
NOT book  
appointments  
during school  
time

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**DAYS ABSENCE**  
**90% ATTENDANCE**



Less time in  
school means  
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become the very  
best you!



If you feel like you or your child is having trouble with attendance please talk to your teacher, principal or other school staff about how we can help.



# EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

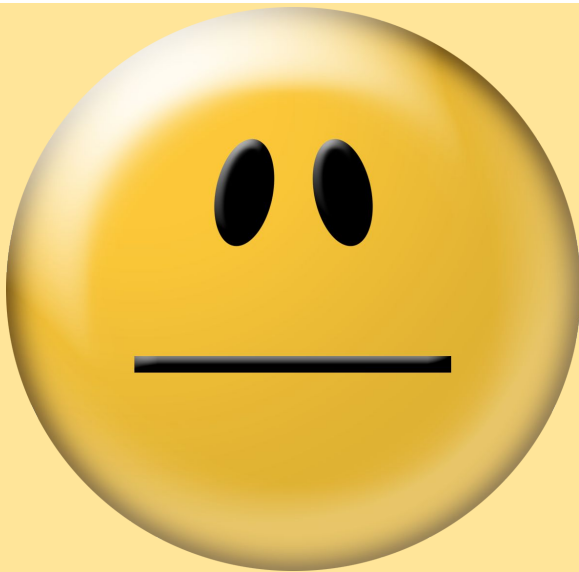
Minutes late to school	Impact on your attendance in 1 Year
5 minutes per day =	Roughly 2 Days Missed
10 Minutes Per Day =	Roughly 4 Days Missed
15 Minutes Per Day =	Roughly 6 Days Missed
20 Minutes Per Day =	Roughly 8 Days Missed
30 Minutes Per Day =	Roughly 12 Days Missed

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!



**GOOD  
ATTENDANCE**

Ready for  
Success!



**OFTEN  
ABSENT**  
School feels  
Harder.



**CHRONIC  
ABSENCE**  
Could fall  
behind.

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## Keep Your Child On Track in Middle and High School: Pay Attention to Attendance

*Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students access learning opportunities and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job. Families can also advocate for resources to help students learn if they cannot attend in-person.*

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can affect a student's academic success.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

#### Make school attendance a priority

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- Help your teen maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and non-Covid-19 related medical appointments during the school day.
- Keep your student healthy, and if you are concerned about Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your teens must stay home because they are sick or in quarantine, make sure they have asked teachers for resources and materials to make up for the missed learning time in the classroom.

#### Help your teen stay engaged

- Find out if your children feel engaged by their classes, and feel safe from bullies and other threats.
- Make sure your teens are not missing class because of challenges with behavioral issues or school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, contact the school and work with them to find a solution.
- Monitor your teen's academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors when necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage your teen to join meaningful after-school activities, including sports and clubs.
- Notice and support your students if they are showing signs of anxiety.

#### Communicate with the school

- Know the school's attendance policy – incentives and penalties.
- Check on your teen's attendance to be sure absences are not adding up.
- Seek help from school staff, other parents or community agencies if you need support.

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Visit Attendance Works at [www.attendanceworks.org](http://www.attendanceworks.org) for free downloadable resources and tools!



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## Absences Add up!

#SCHOOLEVERYDAY

Missing just 2 days a month  
means a child misses 10% of the  
school year.



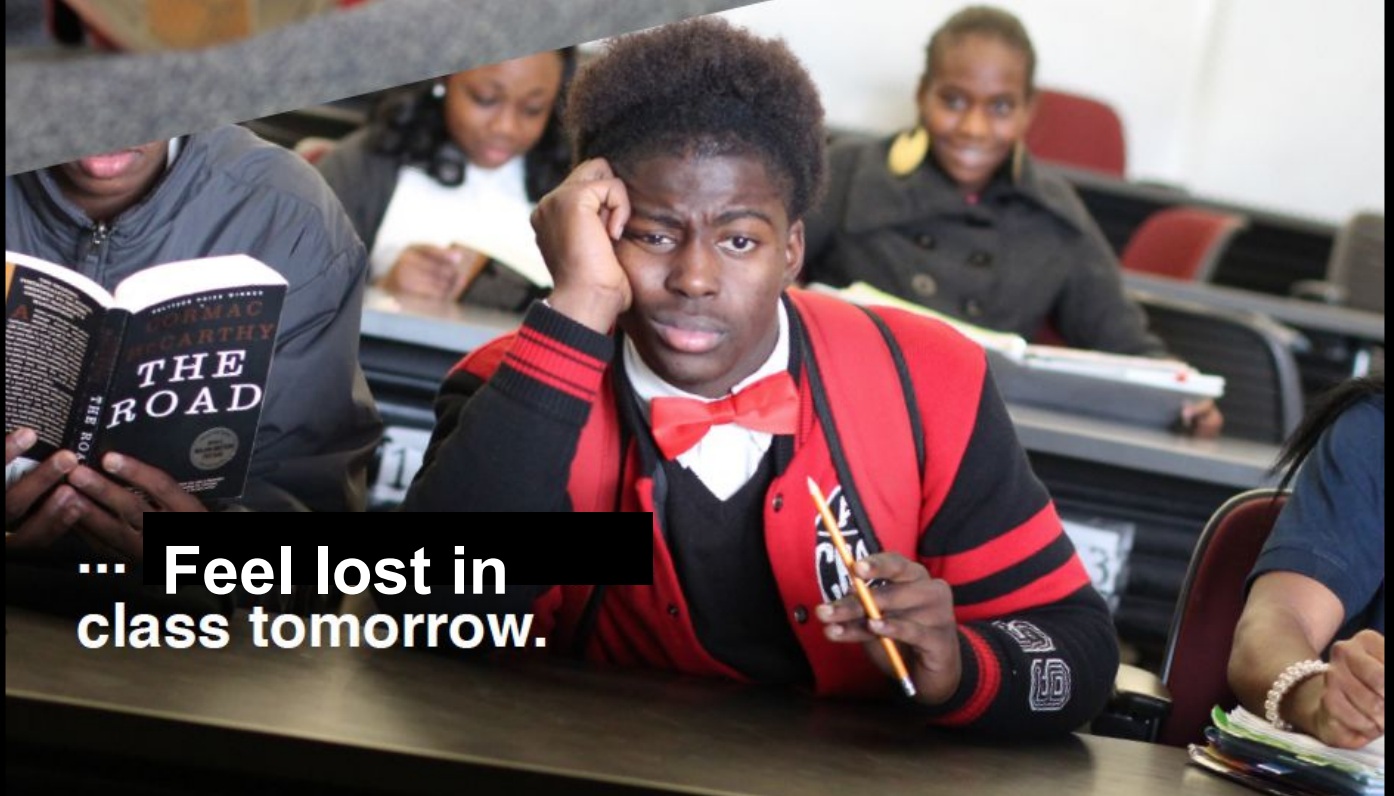
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