

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

So just how important is good attendance?

Louisiana students are required to attend school for a minimum of 60,120 minutes each academic year in order to be eligible for course credit or promotion to the next grade.



Attendance for one school year	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed In a year	and Over 13 years K-12...
98%	3	0.6	18	234
97%	5	1	30	390
94%	10	2	60	780
91%	15	3	90	1,170
88%	20	4	120	1,560

What is your child missing out on?

Just a little bit late for school or checking out a little early doesn't seem like much but...

If your child misses	That equals/week	Which is	and over 13 years...
10 minutes/day	50 minute	1.5 weeks/year	Over half a year
20 minutes/day	1 hour 40 minutes	Over 2.5 weeks/year	One School Year
30 minutes /day	Half a day	4 weeks / year	Almost 1.5 school years
1 hour /day	1 day/weeks	8 weeks/year	Over 2.5 school years

Days absent from school add up to lost learning

There are 167 Instructional Days in a year and 198 Non- Instructional Days. That is 198 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs, and other appointments.

Every Instructional Minute Counts.

*Information in charts based upon a 388 instructional minute day