

EFFECTS OF POOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

- Children quit school, limiting their career opportunities.
- Children become dependent on parents for income.
- Children are more likely to use alcohol and other drugs.
- Parents lose work time to attend court, counseling or parenting classes.
- Students have poor school performance.
- Increases the likelihood of trouble with the law. (Most prisoners are dropouts.)

What can happen.

- The school can refer a family to the **ARRIVE** coordinator for assistance.
- The school will file a report with the County Attorney.
- The County Attorney can assign the case to the **ARRIVE** program
- The child can be referred to the Youth Service Diversion Program
- The case can be filed with the Court and the child / parents placed on probation
- Parents/Guardians can be prosecuted

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***ABSENCE REDUCTION RESOURCES**

INCREASING VALUABLE EDUCATION

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- The **ARRIVE** program is designed to be a resource for parents and community members seeking information on services available for youth and family

AND

- Support for school and parents to improve attendance.



Why your child is at risk if school attendance is poor.

Many statistics show the dangers of absenteeism:

- Children who are absent frequently have a much greater chance of dropping out.
- 90% of all children in juvenile detention have a history of truancy.
- Children who don't get their diplomas will make half as much money when they graduate as those who do have diplomas.

MORE TIPS:

Make your child understand that by consistently showing up to school, they are positively affecting the outcome of their entire lives.

Stress the value of education

Attend Parent-Teacher meetings

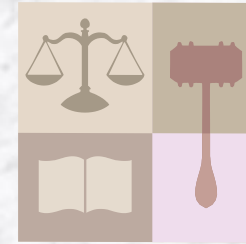
Don't ignore calls or letters regarding poor attendance

What can parents do?

Attendance patterns start in elementary school. Make sure your child is in school. If you have transportation issues, contact your school for help.

Insist that your child attend school daily. The most important thing you can do is to show support for your child and their teachers. Parents, who view school negatively and have little involvement in their child's education, are more likely to have children who become dropouts. If you consistently remind your child of the important role education plays throughout their entire life, if you show interest and get involved in your child's education, your child's chances of excelling in school and graduating are much greater.

If you are struggling with attendance issues with your child, or are seeking advice as to services available for a specific problem, contact your [ARRIVE](#) office for help!



School Attendance Laws

Nebraska Revised Statutes 79-201 through 79-210 provided for school attendance laws.

- These laws apply to children ages 6—18
- Each school shall have a mandatory attendance policy
- No more than 5 days per quarter may be missed with a maximum of 20 days per school year.
- Schools are required to report violations to the County Attorney.
- Any person violating the provisions of sections [79-201](#) to [79-209](#) shall be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor