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my opportunities  
disappear...**



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## **For younger students:**

- Know the school's attendance policy and when school starts.
- Make sure your child has the required shots needed for school.
- Let your child meet teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Have a regular bed time and morning routine—lay out clothes the night before.
- Schedule medical appointments after school.
- Don't plan extended trips when school is in session.
- Have a back-up plan for getting to school when something comes up.
- Have your child stay home only when truly sick.

## **For older students:**

- Know the school's attendance policy and when school starts.
  - Talk with your child about acceptable and unacceptable behavior and grades.
  - Encourage your child to be active in school by joining clubs or sports teams.
  - Know your child's friends.
  - Ask your child how you can help.
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bright futures begin with good school attendance

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