

Have you heard?

School funding ... it's all about ATTENDANCE!



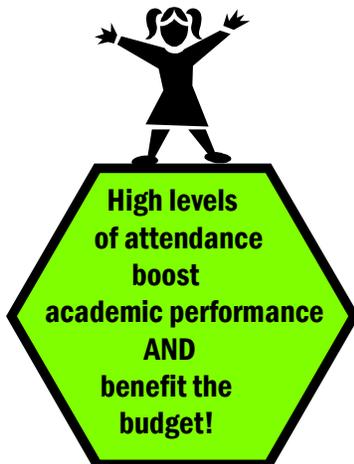
It goes without saying that regular attendance plays a significant role in your child's academic performance. But did you know that your child's attendance plays a major role in CUSD's budget?

Listen to this ... *actual* student attendance accounts for 93% of school funding!

By *actual*, we mean "in the seat" attendance. In other words, the state pays the district for every student who attends school on any given day. Every time a student is absent FOR ANY REASON, funding is lost.

Once upon a time ...

funding was lost only when a student's absence was not verified by a valid excuse (i.e., illness, funeral, etc.). But now, funding is lost for any reason a student is absent all day, excused or not. The reason we continue to verify absences is to comply with the state's compulsory attendance law. **Absences are documented to monitor truancy, as well as funding.** Three unexcused absences or three tardies of thirty minutes or more per year qualify a student for truancy review.



The three most common reasons for absence, and how you can help:

- **Illness.** Please keep your child at home. Be sure to notify the school attendance office. (*Funding is NOT provided.*)
- **Doctor's appointment,** or other commitment outside of school. Schedule appointments after school if possible. If not, your child may attend school for part of the day. (*Funding IS provided for partial day attendance.*)
- **Planned absences.** Obtain an Independent Study Contract for absences of five or more consecutive days. The contract allows your child to maintain academic performance as well as keep a clear attendance record. (*Funding IS provided for completed independent study contracts.*)

**Please continue to make
your child's attendance
a top priority!**