



WELCOME PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE

Student Attendance at Bucknell



AGENDA

- ❑ Share the importance of attendance
- ❑ Review attendance expectations and procedures
- ❑ Share strategies to support attendance



GROUNDING

What is a challenge for you as a parent to get your child or children to school every day?

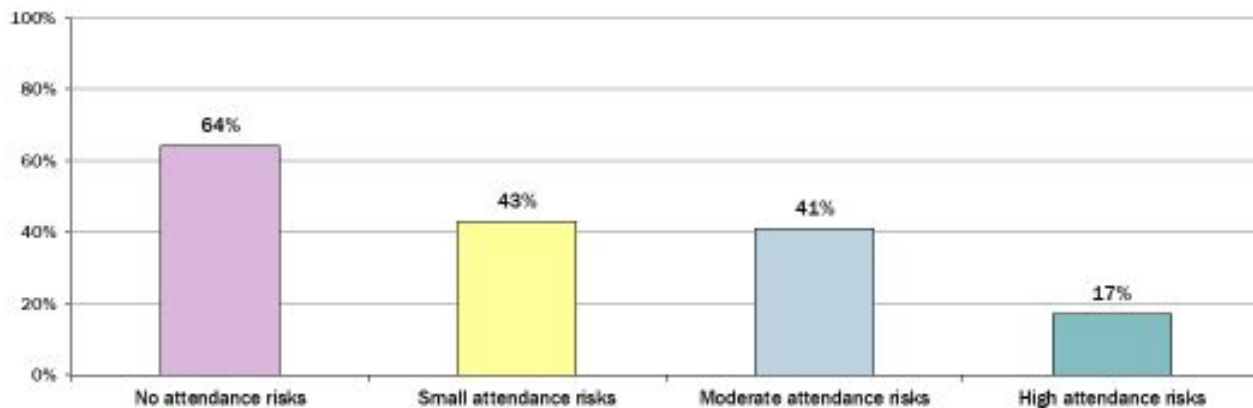
What motivates and helps you to get your child to school despite these challenges?



What does Research
say about attendance?

Students Chronically Absent in Kindergarten and 1st Grade are Much Less Likely to Read Proficiently in 3rd Grade

Percent Students Scoring Proficient or Advanced on 3rd Grade ELA Based on Attendance in Kindergarten and in 1st Grade

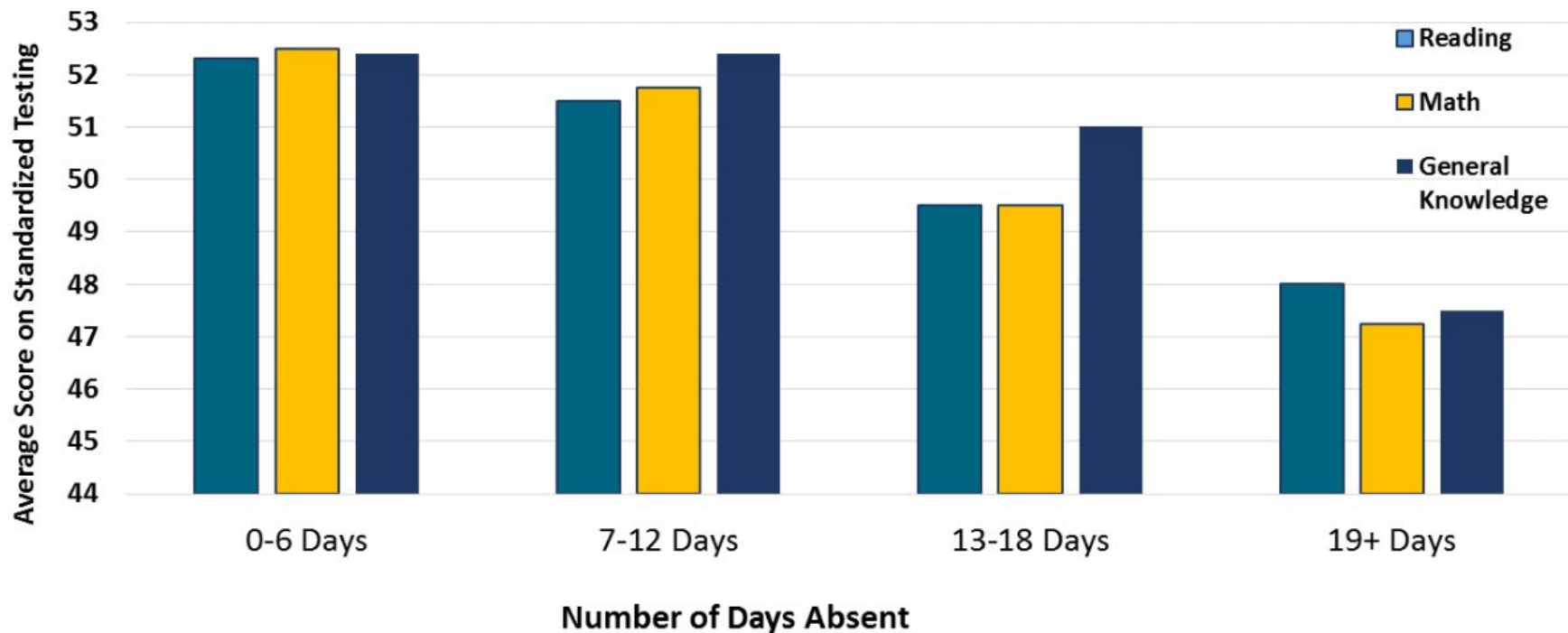


No risk	Missed less than 5% of school in K & 1 st
Small risk	Missed 5-9% of days in both K & 1 st
Moderate risk	Missed 5-9% of days in 1 year & 10 % in 1 year
High risk	Missed 10% or more in K & 1 st

Source: Applied Survey Research & Attendance Works (April 2011)



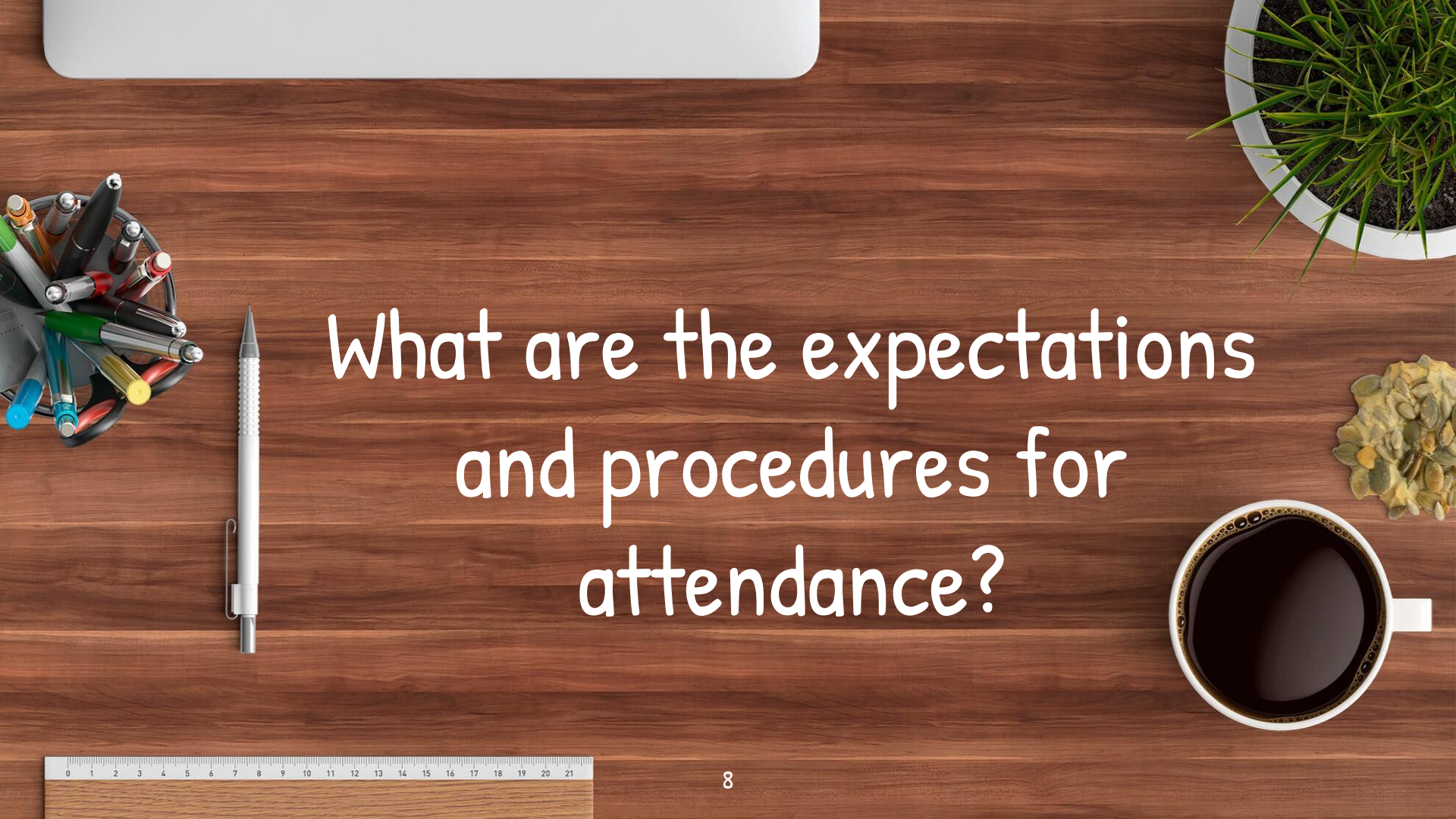
Chronic Absentees in Kindergarten had the lowest academic performance in first grade





So,

- > Regular school attendance in elementary school improves the chances that your child will read on grade level.
- > Missing 18 or more (2 absences per month) school days per year is the Primary cause of lower academic achievement.
- > Students who attend 90% or more of the school year are more likely to graduate from high school on time.



What are the expectations
and procedures for
attendance?



ATTENDANCE POLICIES

In Virginia, all students aged 5 through 18 are required to attend school regularly. FCPS must record student attendance every day school is in session.

WHAT IS CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM PER VDOE GUIDELINES?

**ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW!**



 Visit: www.fcps.edu/attendance

WHEN DO ABSENCES
BECOME AN ISSUE?



SATISFACTORY
9 or fewer days

WARNING SIGNS
10 to 17 days

CHRONIC ABSENCE
18 or more days



HOW DOES BUCKNELL MONITOR ATTENDANCE?

- Attendance will be monitored daily- Parents are required to notify school when child will be absent
- 5-Day Parent letter and Attendance plan will be created for students who have 5 unexcused absences
- 10-Day (excused and unexcused) parent letter will be mailed home
- 10 unexcused absences will require an Admin/Parent Conference to development goals and strategies to support student attendance
- 10+ unexcused absences may result in a referral to the Truancy office.



What might be some
next steps to support
student attendance?

The Four Pillars

1. Family Practices

Families nurture a habit of attendance at home

2. Social Capital

Helpers who are relatives, friends, neighbors

3. Schools

Teachers, nurses, counselors, administrators, etc.

4. Community Services

Availability of services like transportation, health services, affordable stable housing, etc.



FAMILY PRACTICES

What are some things you already do to help get your child to school every day?

What are some reasons children might miss school and steps you can take to support your child's attendance?



Family Practice Ideas:

- ☐ Set a regular bedtime and morning routine
- ☐ Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep
- ☐ Organize clothes and school supplies the night before
- ☐ If your child is sick, follow FCPS guidelines of illnesses that may be contagious
 - ☐ Fever, vomiting, etc
- ☐ Use the FCPS calendar, to schedule medical appointments and family vacations
 - ☐ Student holidays, Holidays, and early releases

December 2023

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7 Chanukah (begins sundown 12/7-sundown 12/15)
8 Bodhi Day
18 - 31 Winter Break
25 Christmas

January 2024

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1 New Year's Day
6 Three Kings Day/Epiphany
7 Orthodox Christmas
15 Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
19 Orthodox Epiphany
26 Option to work at an alternate location

February 2024

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10 Lunar New Year
14 Ash Wednesday
19 Washington's Birthday and Presidents' Day

March 2024

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5 Presidential Primary
11 First Full Day of Ramadan (begins sundown 3/10 and continues with daily fast and nightly prayer until 4/9)
25-29 Spring Break
29 Good Friday
31 Easter

May 2024

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3 Orthodox Good Friday
3 Option to work at an alternate location
5 Orthodox Easter
27 Memorial Day

June 2024

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14 Option to work at an alternate location
17 Eid-al-Adha (begins sundown 6/16 - sundown 6/17)
18 Option to work at an alternate location
19 Juneteenth

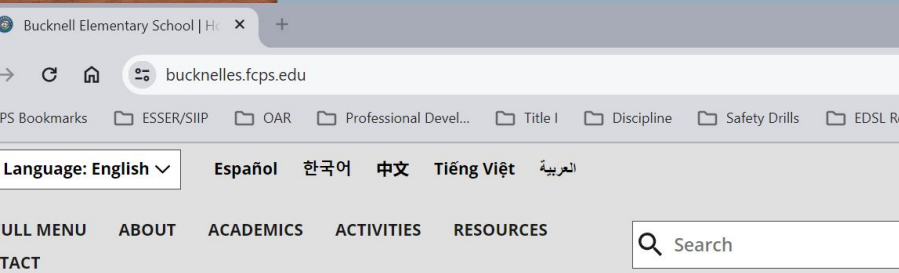


Some holidays and observances, such as Eid al Fitr, may shift due to anticipated lunar sightings.

Legend

F	First Day of School
ER	2 Hour Student Early Release
QE	End of the Quarter
YE	Last Day for Regular Classes / Early Release
O	Religious and Cultural Observance(s)
O	Religious and Cultural Observance(s) - Evening Only
SD	Staff Development Day / Student Holiday
SP	School Planning Day / Student Holiday
TW	Teacher Work Day / Student Holiday
H	Student Holiday
NT	New Teacher Training

Reporting Attendance



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SOCIAL CAPITAL

Who can you call for support to help your children get to school?

How can you help other families?



SCHOOL SUPPORT

What are some ways our school can help families with attendance?



COMMUNITY SERVICES

What might be some additional barriers that families in our school face?



COMMUNITY SERVICES

Some families face barriers like availability of transportation, health care, housing, etc. There are community organizations that offer support to families with these barriers.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- **Department of Family Services:** Support for benefits, child care, older adult care, etc.
- **Coordinated Services Planning:** Connects county residents to resources
- **Office for Children:** Early childhood programs for younger siblings
- **Transportation Options, Programs & Services (TOPS):** Subsidized transportation for limited income families
- **Family Resource Center:** Free webinars, consultation, and library to support parenting



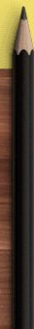
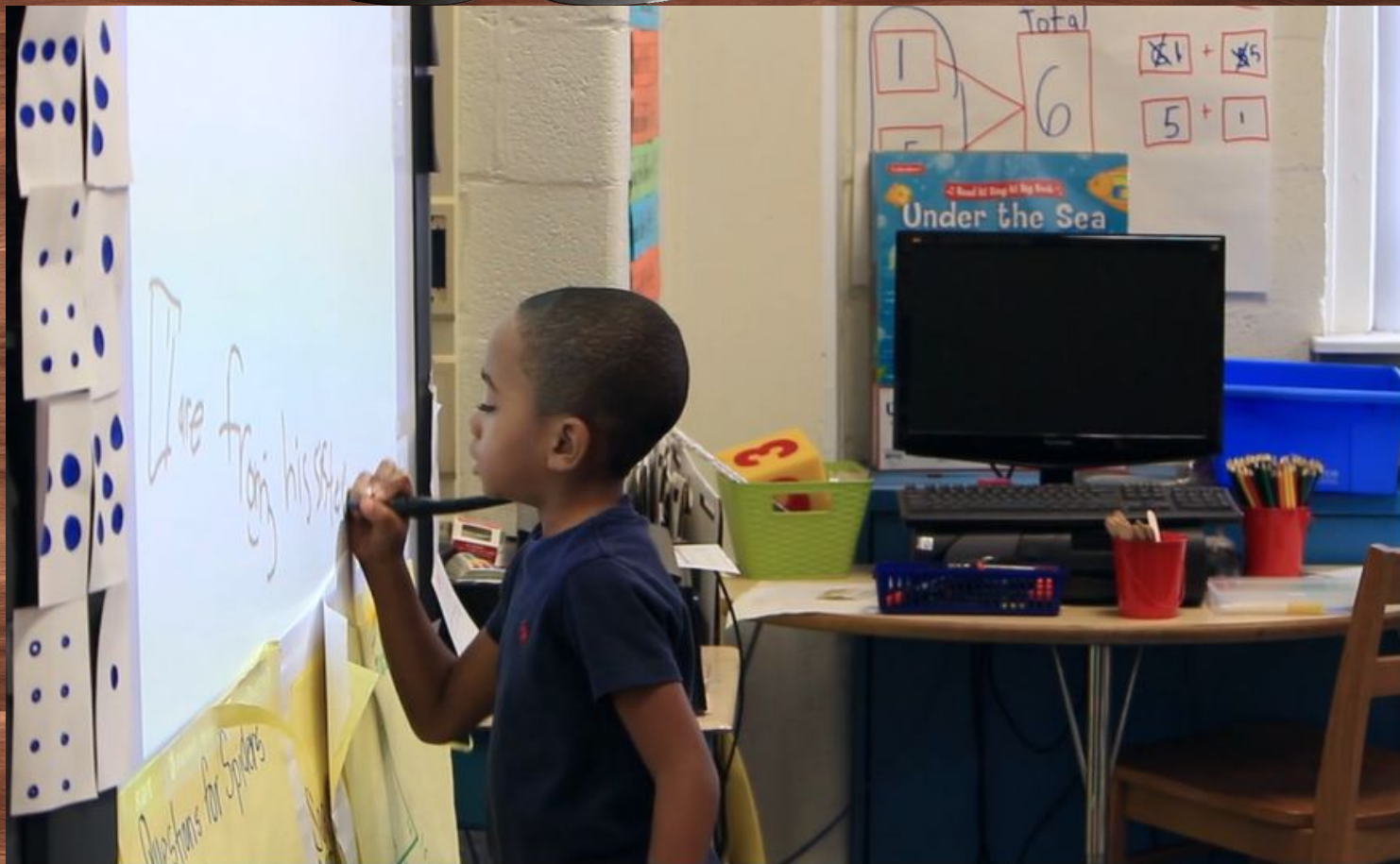
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What connections
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during the video?

What surprised
you most during
the video?

