What can families do?

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- Find out if your child feels engaged by his/her classes and feels safe from bullies or other threats. Make sure he/she is not missing class because of behavioral issues and school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, make school officials aware, and work with your school to resolve them.
- Stay on top of academics, seek help from teachers or tutors if needed. Make sure teachers have your current contact information and know how to reach you at all times.
- Plan doctor appointments and vacations outside of school hours, whenever possible.
- Ask for help from school officials, after school programs, other parents or community agencies if you are having trouble getting your child to school. They are there to help—please don’t hesitate to reach out. They all want your child to have a good educational Experience and to graduate on time.

Did you know?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay on track for graduation.
- Students can still fall behind if they just miss a day or two, every few weeks.
- Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child graduate from college and keep a job.
- Missing school can make it harder to learn.
- The percentage of truant high school students, missing 18 or more days in 2012-2013 was 38%. The state average is 24%. Newport currently ranks highest in the state for truancy.