

Ready, Set, PRESENT!



New York State Education Department:

In NYS, about **19%** of students in public school districts were considered **chronically absent** during the 2016-17 school year.

4 in 10 transient kids miss too much school when families move

2.5 in 10 homeless kids are chronically absent

2 in 10 low-income kids miss too much school and are likely to suffer academically

15% of New York's students in grade 1 – 8 miss **10% or more** school days

NYS students are considered **chronically absent** when they miss **10% of school days** – or **18 days or more** per year in a **180-day school year**

Create a nurturing classroom to encourage students to come to school

Work with families to solve significant barriers

Recognize and reward improved attendance

How Our NYS Teachers Can Help

Reach out to students to find out why they are missing school

Ask what would help them attend more regularly

Work with parents to stress the importance of early education

