

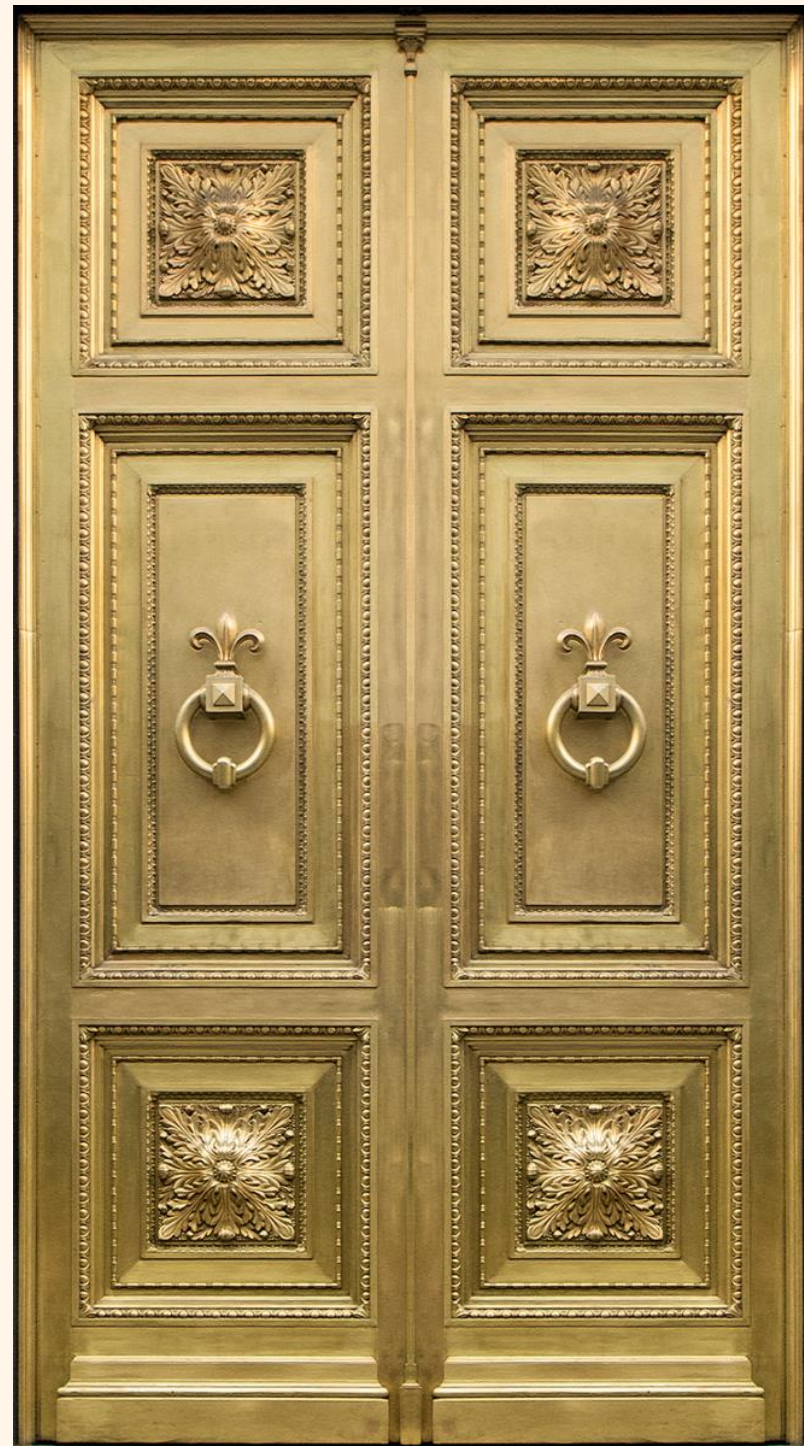


# Student Engagement & Motivation



**“Education is the key that unlocks the golden door to freedom.”**

**George Washington Carver**



*How do we motivate our children to learn?*

**It takes all of us**



**Family**



**School**

“The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.”

**B.B. King**



## → Families can...

**...encourage children to value education as the gift that it is.**

- Ensure that children attend school
- Discuss children's interests and goals
- Celebrate academic growth

# STUDENT ATTENDANCE MATTERS

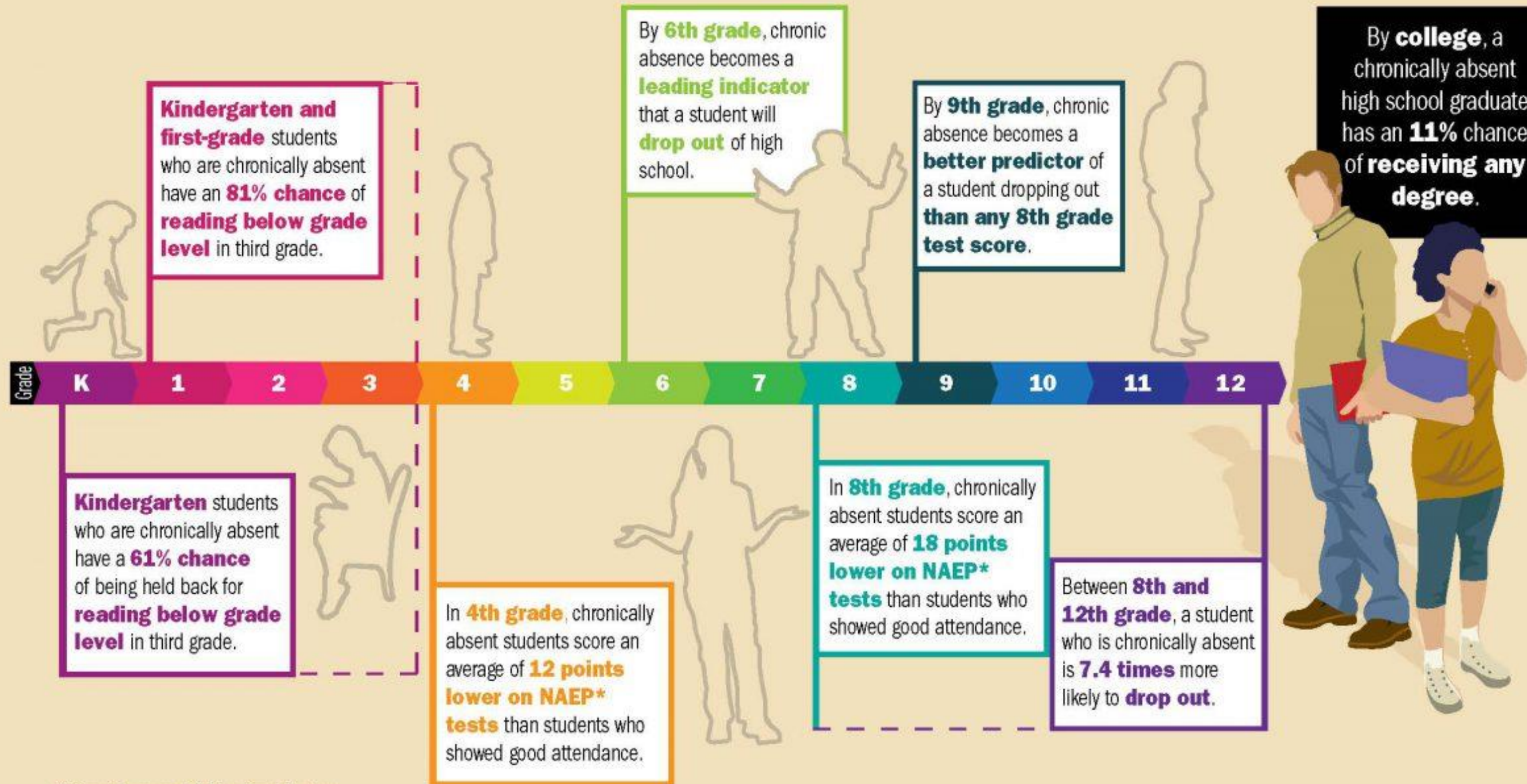
There are an estimated 5-7.5 million students in the United States who are chronically absent from school.

Chronic absenteeism hurts students in a variety of ways as they progress through their school career, starting with kindergarten.

## DEFINITIONS:

**Chronic Absence** - Missing 2 days each month, totaling 18 days, equals 10% of the school year

**Good Attendance** - Missing 9 days or less in a school year (5%)



\*National Assessment of Educational Progress

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In **8th grade**, chronically absent students score an average of **18 points lower on NAEP\* tests** than students who showed good attendance.

Between **8th and 12th grade**, a student who is chronically absent is **7.4 times** more likely to **drop out**.

# Teachers can...



## ...measure and reward Progress.

- Monitor students' reading and math skills using programs like MAP and IXL
- Organize special events for students who show growth

## ...engage minds and create interest.

- Allow students to practice and apply their learning
- Provide opportunities for students to think critically and solve problems

# Foundation Challenge

**Using only the materials given to you, build a platform that will support the most weight.**