

ABSENTEEISM

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Not all learners are achievers. There are learners who excel, who are considered average, and who don't belong in any of these two. The first two is not a problem but the latter. As a teacher, how can we be able to help this kind of students?

Surely, there are factors to consider and give attention to. We must provide an explanation for why some students don't put much effort into their schoolwork. I am positive that the primary reason for this question's answer is that the students miss more days than they do when they are present. Absenteeism is the biggest reason. They missed a lot whenever they are not in school. Lessons academically, opportunity to learn new things, and new skills that can be developed are being taken for granted for some reasons or worst, no reasons at all, they just want to miss classes.

How can a teacher help a student learn to read if he is not around most of the time? This seems to be impossible. If he can't read, how can he cope up with lesson for reading skill is an essential matter a student should possess. If he keeps on missing a class for the whole year round, he will fail. And definitely, this is not a teacher factor.

But in this case, a teacher should also do the works. She must know why her student is always absent, make an effective solution with this problem, and see to it that it will be a great help in resolving the problem which is absenteeism. Moreover, the teacher should not do the works solely. Parents should be involved in this matter for they are actually the ones who should act.

One's absent in school may lessen the chance of getting a good future. That is what he needs to understand.

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