

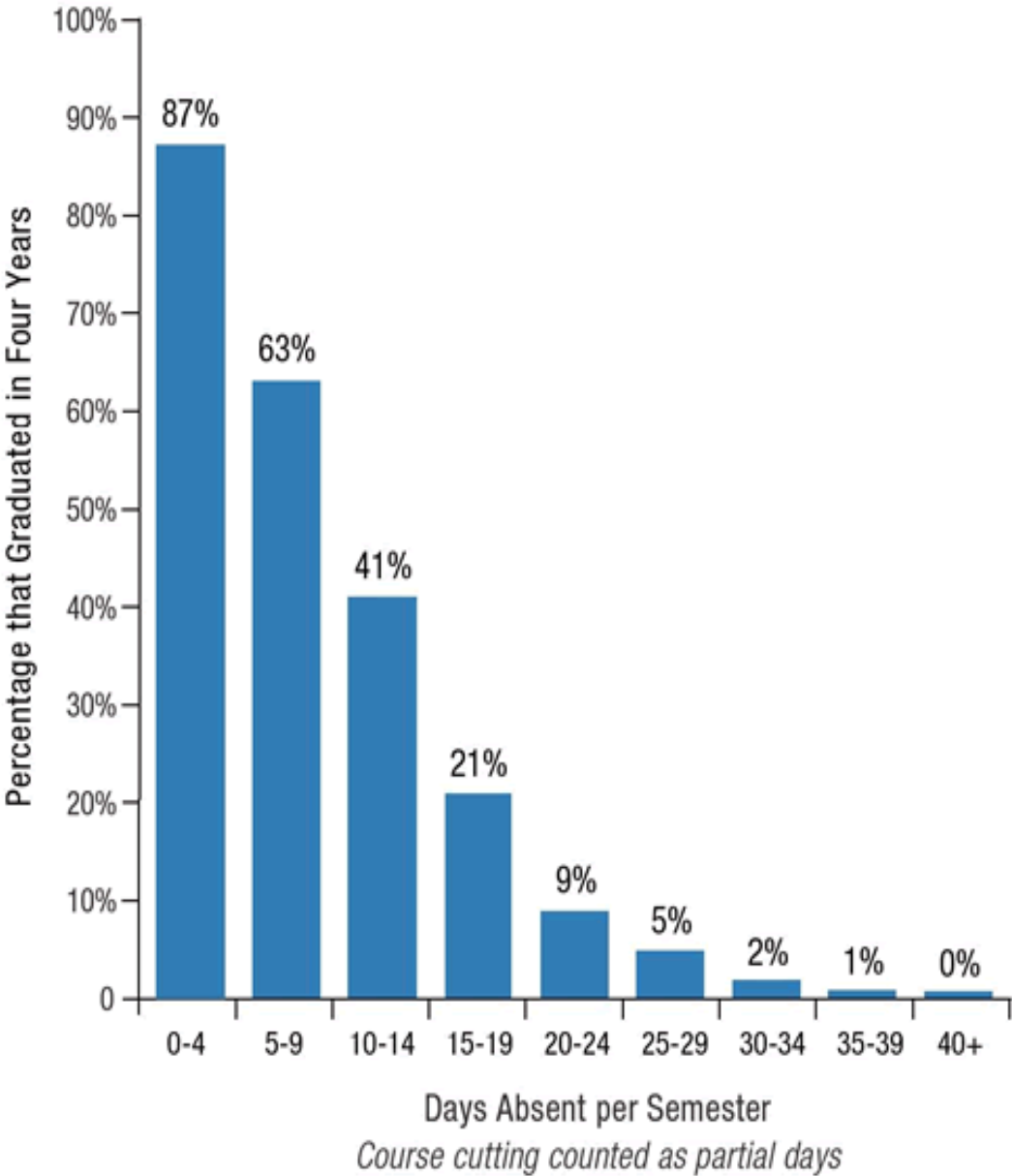
Attendance Matters

What are the best predictors of whether a student will graduate from high school on time?

- Attendance and grade point average

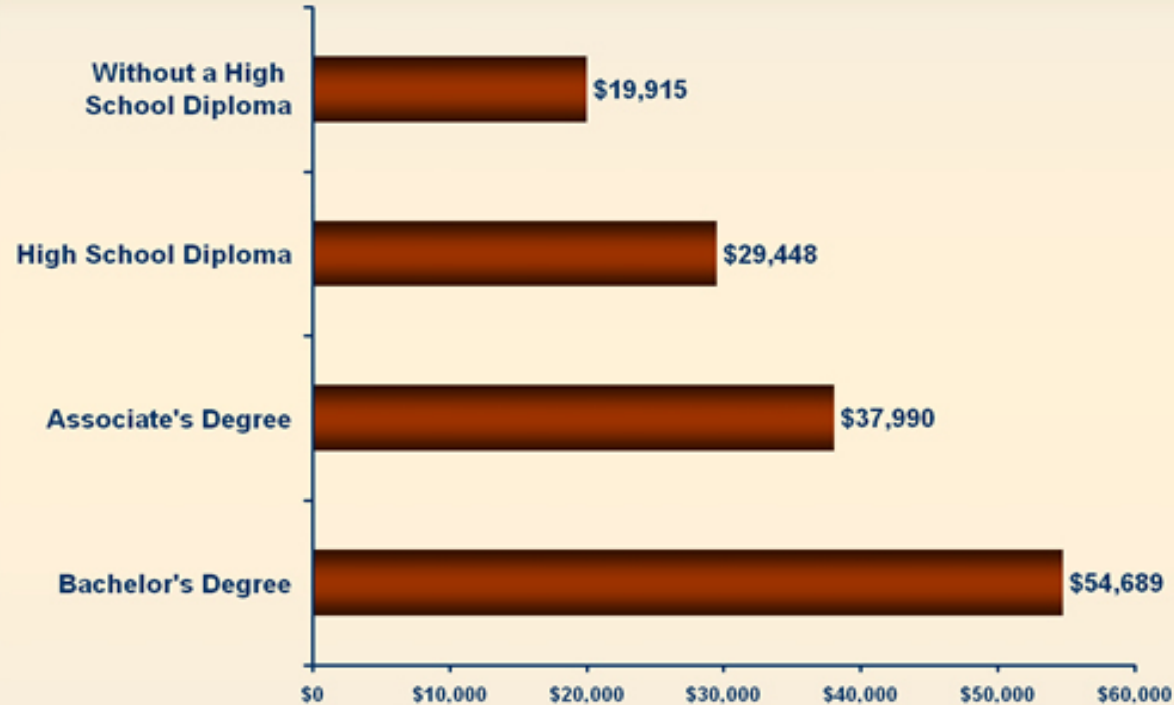
according to Elaine M. Allensworth and John Q. Easton of the Consortium on Chicago School Research at the University of Chicago

Four-Year Graduation Rates by Freshman Absence Rates



Why Should I Graduate?

**The Earnings Premium of Postsecondary Education:
Average Annual Earnings by Educational Attainment for Adults, 2005**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau. 2007. *Educational Attainment in the United States: 2006*, Table 9: Earnings in 2005 by Educational Attainment of the Population 18 Years and Over, by Age, Sex, Race Alone, and Hispanic Origin: 2006, www.census.gov.

What can I do as a parent?

- make sure they understand the importance of good attendance and punctuality
- ensure they are awake and get to school each morning
- make sure you check eSembler regularly to check attendance and grades
- make sure the school has a good phone number and address so teachers can contact you with concerns
- take an interest in their education - ask about school work and encourage them to get involved in school activities
- discuss any problems they may have at school - inform their teachers about anything serious
- don't let them take time off school for minor ailments - particularly those which would not prevent you from going to work

Fivay High School Attendance Procedures

- All students who are absent will be marked “U” Unexcused until the parent/guardian notifies the school in writing and justifies the absence
- Students should turn in the notes to student services as soon as they return to school
- Failure to turn in a note within three (3) days will cause the absence to be recorded as unexcused
- Excused absences guarantee students the right to make up any and all assignments assigned on the day of the absence at FULL credit

Fivay High School Attendance Procedures

- **Students are responsible** for asking the teacher(s) for make-up assignments and make-up tests within two (2) class meetings upon their return
- The teacher will allow a reasonable period of time for completion of make-up work (at least one day for each day absent)
- See the student code of conduct in the planner for more details