**Help Your**   **Young Learner
ACE Their
School Year**



ACE is a partnership between schools and families that allows students to:

**ATTEND**– by being present for remote or on-campus learning with a feeling of wellness, safety, and belonging

**COMMIT** – by showing dedication to learning with a feeling of connection to what is being taught

**ENGAGE** – by displaying academic progress with a feeling of confidence and accomplishment



**DID YOU KNOW? These are the KEY years**

Pre-K and kindergarten help lay the foundation for many important skills that help children thrive in later grades and life. Attending school consistently helps children have the best start possible. For our youngest learners, regular attendance is even MORE important than for older students. Many parents find that surprising, but data shows that students who regularly attend school in these early years have:

* Better early reading and math kills 1
* Lower rates of enrollment in special education
* Lesser chance of being held back
* Lower rates of juvenile delinquency
* Higher rates of high school graduation
* Greater job earnings
* More stable employment

[Watch this helpful video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O7WEjImrbUg) that explains why attending school every day makes for a stronger young learner. You can also click on the QR code.

**WHAT CAN YOU DO? Set your child up for success**

Before the school year begins:

* Find out when the first day of school starts
* Get your student excited about their new adventure
* Make sure your child has the required vaccinations
* Attend school orientation with your child to meet teachers and classmates
* Decide on your back-up plan for getting your child to school before issues arise
* Ask family members, neighbors, or other parents to lend a hand
* Visit [ace.e3alliance.org/family](https://www.ace.e3alliance.org/family) for more resources

During the school year:

* Set a regular bedtime and morning routine
* Layout clothes and backpacks the night before
* Understand when to keep your child home due to illness and when to return to school
* Know the ways your school can help with attendance
* Ask other parents how they get out the door on time
* Schedule doctor visit and vacations outside of designated school hours

1 “Preschool-Chart.” Attendance Works, www.attendanceworks.org/resources/toolkits/early-education-toolkit/preschool-chart/