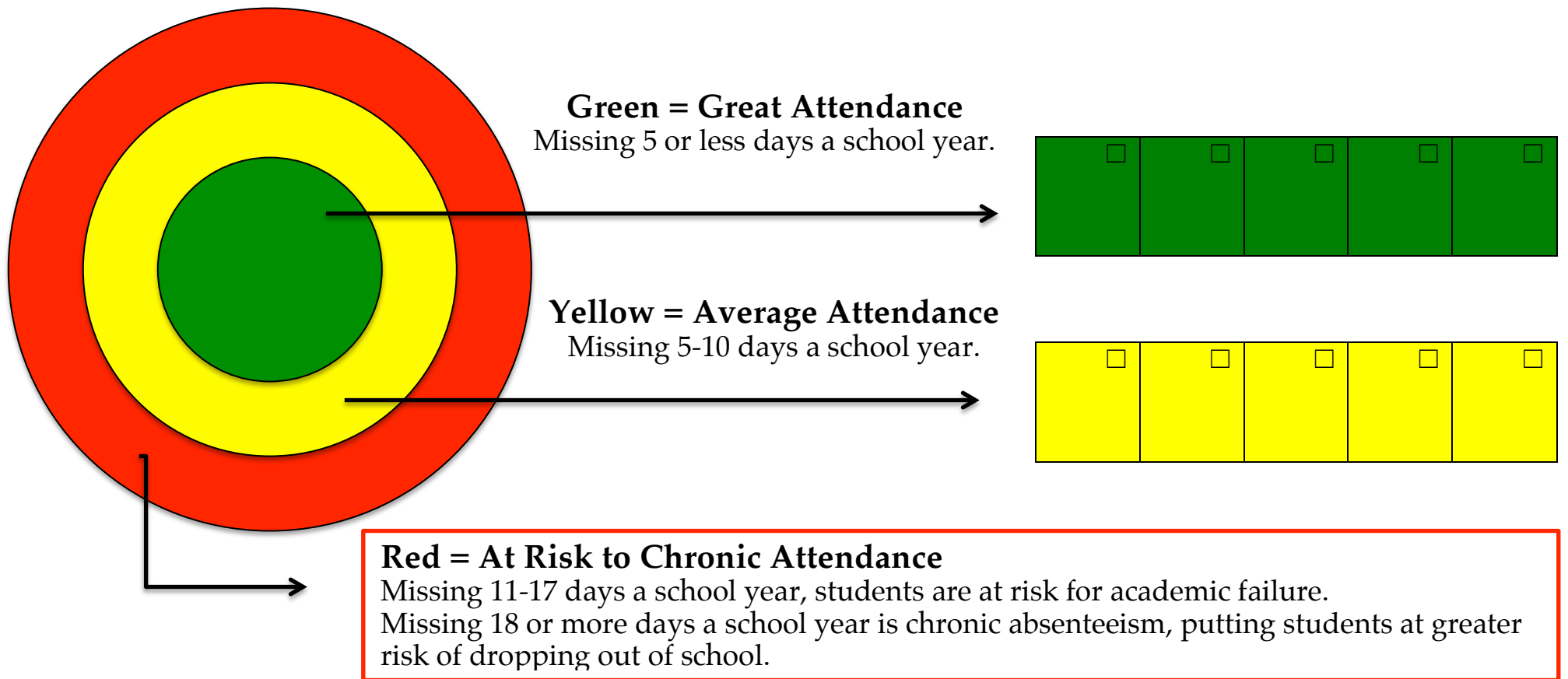


On Time, On Target Strive for 5!



Keep track to keep on target, use this **ATTENDANCE TRACKER** at home:

- Start in **green**.
- Write the date of the absence in the box
- Check the smaller box when you have called the school attendance line.
- **STRIVE FOR 5** or less absences in the school year!



- Make sure your child has a **bedtime routine** with lights out no later than 9:30.
- Establish a **morning routine** that will get your child to school **on time**.
- **Be strong** with your child and don't let your child stay home when it is not necessary.
- Send your child to school unless they show **signs of severe illness**- fever, vomit, diarrhea, severe cough, strep throat, or doctor order to stay home.
- Make appointments in late afternoon so your child is **missing as little school as possible**.
- Use the **Attendance Tracker**.

What does research say about school attendance?

- **Attendance effects achievement.**
 - Chronically absent students statistically have lower achievement
- **Attendance is a habit.**
 - Kids who miss school in early grades are more likely to be chronically absent in later years.
- **Attendance = graduation.**
 - Chronic absenteeism is the strongest predictor of dropping out of high school.
- **Attendance is a team effort!**
 - All school staff are here to support students who are struggling with attendance.

Information adapted from:

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