



Reasons for Chronic Absenteeism (RCA)

Demographic Items
What is the name of your school?
How old are you? (10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21)
What is your gender? (male, female, other [for example: transitioning, transgendered, etc.]
What grade are you in? (6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12)
Do you get free or reduced price lunch? (yes/no)
What is your mother's level of education? some high school high school diploma GED some college 2-year or associates degree 4-year or bachelors degree masters degree doctorate degree
What is your Race? (*if more than one race select multi-racial)? Multi-racial Asian Black/African American Hispanic/Latino White American Indian or Alaskan Native Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander Prefer not to say
Do you get special education services? (yes/no)
Is English your first language or the language you use most often? (yes/no)
What are your grades? All A's A's and B's Mostly B's B's and C's Mostly C's C's and D's Mostly D's D's and F's

<p>Mostly F's A mix of grades</p>
<p>About how many days of school did you miss <u>last year</u>?</p> <p>5 days or less 6-10 days 11-15 days 16-20 More than 20 days</p>
<p>About how many days of school did you miss in the <u>last month</u>?</p> <p>0-1 days 2-3 days 4 or more days</p>
<p>Compared to other students, how many school days did you miss last year?</p> <p>The same as other students More than other students Fewer than other students</p>
<p>How do you usually get to/from school?</p> <p>Walk or ride a bike By bus By car</p>

Survey Items/Directions:

Please rate each question as being Never, Rarely, Sometimes, or Usually the reasons you miss school.

- Never means that it is never a reason you have missed school.
- Rarely means that it is not very often a reason you have missed school.
- Sometimes means that it is a reason you have missed school more than 3 times.
- Usually means that it is often the reason you have missed school.

Item	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Usually
1. I was sick (short term: flu, cold, headache).				
2. I was sick (long term: asthma, allergies, chronic-illness).				
3. I did not feel safe <i>on the bus ride or walk to or from school.</i>				

Item	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Usually
4. I hung-out with friends or family instead of going to school.				
5. I had an appointment (doctor, dentist, counselor, etc.).				
6. I did not get my work done or study for a test.				
7. I stayed up too late and missed school.				
8. There were problems with the car (would not run, ran out of gas, etc.).				
9. I did not want to be teased or bullied.				
10. I think school is boring.				
11. I missed the bus, or the bus was late or the bus did not come.				
12. I did not feel safe <i>at school</i> .				
13. There was no reason for me to go to school.				
14. I had to take care of or help a family member				

(child, sibling, relative, etc.).				
Item	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Usually
15. No one misses me when I don't come to school.				
16. I don't think school will help me reach my future goals.				
17. I had to work.				
18. I did not want to walk in bad weather.				
19. My parents don't care if I miss school.				
20. I overslept.				
21. I was too stressed or upset to come to school.				
22. I had to go to court or was in jail or juvenile detention center.				
23. I did not want to see another student(s) because of drama or conflict.				
24. I was out of town.				
25. I had a family emergency (death, illness,				

injury, drama, etc.).				
Item	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Usually
26. I was suspended.				
27. I didn't have the right or clean clothes or supplies for school.				
28. School work is hard for me.				
29. My school is in bad shape or is not clean.				
30. I was homeless or had no place to stay.				
31. The water, heat, or power were turned off at home.				
32. I did not want to see a teacher.				
33. My school does not have basic supplies (books, toilet paper, etc.).				
34. I did not want to get in-trouble for being late or tardy.				
35. My school is not a nice place to be (people are not nice, people don't care about others, unfair rules, etc.).				

Item	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Usually
36. I get sick at school.				
37. I did not want to go to a class.				
38. I was or wanted to get drunk or high.				
39. I get sent to the office too much.				
40. I was too sad or depressed to come to school.				
41. I had to move.				
42. Are there any other reasons not listed that you miss school?				
43. What are the reasons you do come to school (e.g. friends, clubs/sports, etc.)?				
44. What would help you come to school more?				

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