

# THE FACTS

Students can be *chronically absent*, meaning they miss **20 DAYS OR MORE** of school and still have an 89% attendance rate. Being *severely chronically absent* - **missing 38 days or more** of school - still results in a 79% attendance rate.

**3 OUT OF 4** students who are chronically absent in the **sixth grade** never graduate from high school.

**15%** of NYC elementary school students



**missed one month** of school or more in the 2009-2010 academic year.

**34%** of NYC high school students



**79%** of NYC children in the juvenile justice system have records of chronic absenteeism; and half, approximately 40 percent, were severely chronically absent.



More than 200,000 NYC public school students - **roughly 1 out of 5** - were chronically absent last year

**66%** of NYC students with ACS cases are chronically absent or severely chronically absent.

