How Playworks Supports Attendance

- Playworks increases safe and healthy play
- Children feel safe, engaged, and empowered
- Recess conflict and bullying decrease
- More children enjoy school and want to attend consistently
- School leaders can give more attention to the most at-risk

The Impact of Chronic Absence

- When 7 million students nationwide are chronically absent each year.
- These students miss 10% of the school year or more from absences or suspensions.
- When schools have high levels of chronic absence, it is harder for all students to learn.

RAND: Playworks impacts 5 school climate indicators
1. Bullying
2. Inclusiveness
3. Student ownership of recess activities
4. Student safety
5. Student use of positive language

Stanford: Playworks reduces chronic absenteeism and increases attendance

An independent evaluation by Stanford University (2015) found that the Playworks Coach service led to a statistically significant increase in attendance among elementary school children. That increase was greatest among chronically absent students.

“Before we started with Playworks and began focusing on safety, our chronic absence rate hovered at 12 to 15 percent. Last year, we ended at about 4 to 5 percent.”

—Principal DeMar of Loma Linda Elementary implemented Playworks Coach as part of a holistic approach to attendance.

Playworks’ attendance impact narrative is based on Attendance Works’ research, which identifies aversion to school as a factor contributing to chronic absence. For more information on Playworks’ outcomes, see playworks.org/impact.