

# 10 SURPRISING REASONS STUDENTS DON'T GO TO SCHOOL

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## THEY'RE HUNGRY

When a child is hungry, he or she can't focus on school, extracurricular activities or the future.



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## THEY'RE IN POOR HEALTH

Chronic illness made worse by the lack of medical care or proper medication keeps many kids out of the classroom.



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## THEY CAN'T SEE THE BLACKBOARD

Students may give up on their school work rather than admit they can't see what the teacher is writing on the blackboard.



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## THEY NEED SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Some students can't afford a simple backpack to carry their books let alone the basic school supplies they need at school.



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## THEY DON'T HAVE SHOES OR CLOTHES

Clothes that fit, shoes without holes or a warm winter jacket are luxuries for some students.



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## THEY NEED TO SUPPORT THEIR FAMILY

The burden of caring for a sick parent or the need to hold down a part-time job to pay for groceries can lead to frequent absences.



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## THEY'RE HOMELESS

Not knowing where they are going to sleep at night may make going to school seem unimportant in comparison.



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## THEY FEEL LIKE THEY DON'T FIT IN

Kids struggling with personal identity or physical appearance suffer from low self-esteem and may become the targets of bullying.



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## THEY CAN'T GET THERE

If students must walk through a dangerous neighborhood or lack reliable transportation they may stay at home.



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## THEY NEED A CARING ADULT IN THEIR LIFE

If a parent dies or is absent from the home, kids lose the emotional support they need to succeed in school.



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