AVOIDING THE ATTENDANCE SLUMP

A troubling pattern begins in May and worsens in June.

Across city elementary and middle schools, there's a **5.8 percentage point difference** between April and June attendance rates. In struggling schools, the attendance drop is **nearly twice that**.

**7 WAYS TO MAXIMIZE LEARNING TIME IN JUNE**

- **EXPERIMENTAL LEARNING**
  Try out new instructional techniques; do field-based work in nearby parks; offer hands-on learning.

- **INCENTIVIZED SCHEDULING**
  Plan key events like proms and graduation for the final days of school.

- **FIELD TRIP**
  Ensure policies are inclusive so that all students can attend.

- **SPIRIT WEEK**
  Build positive school culture to keep kids engaged.

- **SHOWS/SHOWCASES**
  Participation in end-of-year shows/showcases keeps attendance high.

- **AFTER SCHOOL**
  Continue programs until the very end of the school year.

- **MENTORING PROGRAMS**
  Assign 5th grade buddies to kindergarten students to prepare them for 1st grade.

*Monthly attendance data comes from the NYC Department of Education website: [HTTP://SCHOOLS.NYC.GOV/](http://schools.nyc.gov/)*