# 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.



#### **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.



### **MENTORING PROGRAMS**

Assign 5<sup>th</sup> grade buddies to kindergarten students to prepare them for 1<sup>st</sup> grade.



### **AFTER SCHOOL**

Continue programs until the very end of the school year.

\*MONTHLY ATTENDANCE DATA COMES FROM THE NYC DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WEBSITE: HTTP://SCHOOLS.NYC.GOV/

