

# 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.



## AFTER SCHOOL

Continue programs until the very end of the school year.



## MENTORING PROGRAMS

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

## 7 WAYS TO MAXIMIZE LEARNING TIME IN JUNE

\*MONTHLY ATTENDANCE DATA COMES FROM THE NYC DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WEBSITE: [HTTP://SCHOOLS.NYC.GOV/](http://schools.nyc.gov/)