

# From Play to Belonging to Better Attendance



Title I schools with Playworks programming had lower chronic absence rates than Title I schools without the program.

## How Playworks Supports Consistent Attendance

Playworks increases safe and healthy play

Play helps children feel safe, get more engaged, and build relationships

Strong relationships build connections

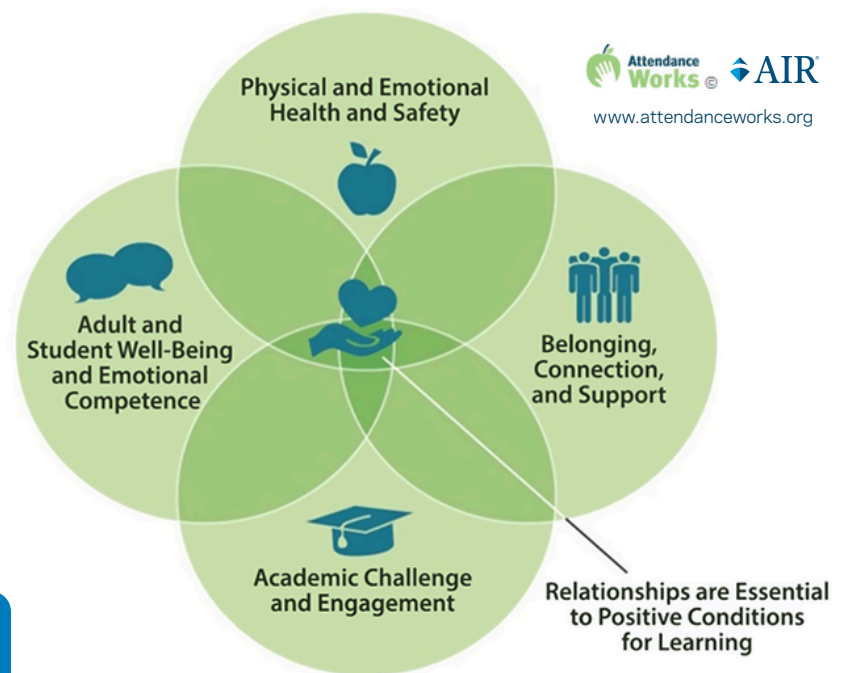
Connections help students feel welcome, increasing their desire to attend consistently

## UC Berkeley Studied Lower Chronic Absence Rates at Playworks Schools

In 2025, UC Berkeley published a study on the relationship between Playworks programming and chronic absence rates at Title I schools during the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years. Results showed that schools with Playworks programming had lower chronic absence rates than schools without Playworks programming. These lower rates were statistically significant, even after accounting for characteristics like school size, enrolled students' family income, and race/ethnicity.

The research is currently under peer review with the Journal of School Health. Expected publication date March 2026.

## Positive Conditions for Learning Lead to Regular Attendance



"Playworks is about relationships. Our teachers often will play the games. When the teacher hops in the game and everyone's playing together, that builds camaraderie between students and adults."

-Principal at a Playworks school

## Playworks For Every Kid.

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