ABSENTEEISM: SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY RELATED

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Problem facing by each school every school year is the high rate of absenteeism of learners. This habit of learners in not attending their classes is alarming. Many studies and researches are done to address this issue. Most of them point out some reasons like having broken family, financial stability, early engagement on work and other personal issues. But aside from personal and family related problems, learners also push to be absent on the class because of the school and community related factors.

Teacher is the very first person who has direct communication and engagement to the learners. If the teacher does not provoke learning to the learners and constitute to the laziness of the learners, they will eventually lead to cutting of classes or worse being absent. Teachers must be equipped with different strategies and ice breakers to make the classroom conducive and starter of learning.

Schools infrastructural facilities attract the learners to attend classes and remain in school. With sufficient facilities like library, sport facilities and some educational and innovative parks lessen the rate of absenteeism.

Accessibility of most learners to entertainment and leisure facilities like computer and gaming shops and malls could divert the attention of the learners from school.
Absenteeism can lead to poor quality of education and graduates that may affect the society. Teachers must be observant to every learners on their educational needs to prevent them skipping and leaving the school.

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