ABSENTEEISM: LONG TERM ILLNESS TO BE CURED

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One of the parts of our daily routine is checking of attendance and making sure that everyone is present. But not all the time you’ve got a 100 % attendance. There are times that some of our student missed school days without prior notice or even giving us an excuse letter. This happens mostly when the end of the weekdays occurs, which is have to be FRIDAY that most of us call this “FRIDAY SICKNESS”. And since then, this is always a problem. What can we do about it?

Skipping school or refusing to attend for days can hardly affect student’s academic performance that sometimes lead them to the worst. They may fail their subjects or else they will eventually stop. And not knowingly the concrete or valid reasons to their absence. Chronically absent students can face challenges or difficulty not only academically but also socially. They lack on critical stages of social interaction and development with their peers, while simultaneously limiting their academic progress. Absenteeism can lose this opportunity of developing one’s social and academic progress resulting in low self-esteem, social isolation, and dissatisfaction.

The best way to find out the reasons why those students or a certain student skip their classes for days without notice is conducting a home visitation. We ask their parents and the child the causes or the reasons of their frequent absenteeism. By this, we can come up with a solution that will help them back to school or better is lessen their absenteeism.

As a teacher and their second parent, we can help them lessen the effect of their absenteeism, that lead to miss their classes and learning experiences. Students that
facing absenteeism can be saved through remediation by providing them an adequate co-curricular activity. It could be done by providing additional activities in their available time. It’s not only the teachers, but with the school’s administrators together we should strive to have up to date learning facilities like libraries as well as sporting facilities to make students enhance student retention. Facing this kind of problem, lessening the effect of this problem, we can assure that all students will have a bright future.

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