

Some children may miss school due to...

1. poor health (i.e., asthma, dental problems, etc.)
2. an absence of parental encouragement
3. role-reversals between the child and his/her parent
4. having to care for his/her younger siblings
5. a lack of adequate clothing/footwear
6. sleep deprivation
7. clinical depression
8. suffering daily humiliation which results from school failure
9. the lack of routine found in a dysfunctional family
10. living as a member of a transient family

Note: Grade-level retention is considered an inappropriate intervention for most high-absentee students. Absenteeism due to illness is an exception.