# **10 SURPRISING REASONS STUDENTS DON'T GO TO SCHOOL**

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#### THEY'RE HUNGRY

When a child is hungry, he or she can't focus on school, extracurricular activities or the future.



# THEY'RE In poor health

Chronic illness made worse by the lack of medical care or proper medication keeps many kids out of the classroom.



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#### THEY CAN'T SEE The blackboard

Students may give up on their school work rather than admit they can't see what the teacher is writing on the blackboard.



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### THEY DON'T HAVE Shoes or clothes

Clothes that fit, shoes without holes or a warm winter jacket are luxuries for some students.



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#### THEY NEED School supplies

Some students can't afford a simple backpack to carry their books let alone the basic school supplies they need at school.



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#### THEY NEED TO SUPPORT Their Family

The burden of caring for a sick parent or the need to hold down a part-time job to pay for groceries can lead to frequent absences.

# THEY FEEL LIKE They don't fit in

Kids struggling with



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## THEY'RE HOMELESS

Not knowing where they are going to sleep at night may make going to school seem unimportant in comparison.



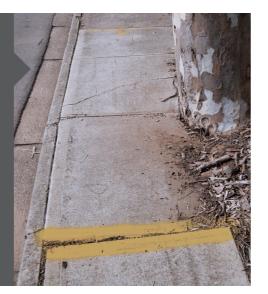


personal identity or physical appearance suffer from low selfesteem and may become the targets of bullying.

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#### THEY CAN'T Get there

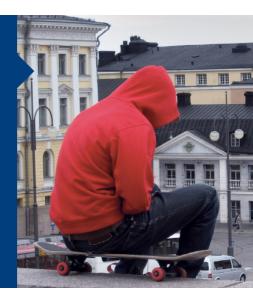
If students must walk through a dangerous neighborhood or lack reliable transportation they may stay at home.



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#### THEY NEED A CARING Adult in their life

If a parent dies or is absent from the home, kids lose the emotional support they need to succeed in school.





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