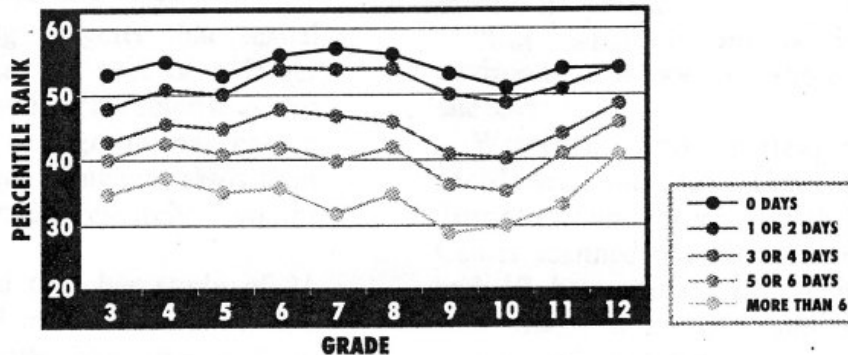


The article below appeared in an October, 1998 publication of the Arizona Department of Education that promoted a controversial new statewide "AIMS" test of student performance.

## School Attendance Critical To Academic Success

What if you learned there was something you could do that would dramatically improve your child's academic achievement **this year**? One surefire way is to be certain that your child is at school every day—on time! On the 1998 Stanford 9 test, students were asked how many days of school they missed during the previous month. The test results (see chart) showed a significant correlation between attendance and achievement. Unless your child is ill, s/he needs to be at school every day.

### HOW MANY DAYS OF SCHOOL DID YOU MISS LAST MONTH?



What's wrong with the Arizona Department of Education's claim that better school attendance will mean higher student achievement?

(Think "Rival Causes")