



As you can see from the chart above, our attendance at SPGS took a large nose-dive last year. Our attendance rate for the year was 93.5%, which means that on average 14 students were absent on any given day. The attendance numbers for the 3 years are as follows:

**2004: 217**  
**2005: 217**  
**2006: 207**

**Average: 213 Students**  
**Difference: 4 Students**  
**State Aid Payment: \$5,334/student**  
**Loss to District: ~\$21,000 (4 students x \$5,334/student)**

Absences cost the district a loss of **\$21,000 in General State Aid** this year. **\$21,000** would have funded any one of the following items:

- **20 New Computers @ \$1,000 each**
- **LCD Projectors for all classrooms @ \$900 each**
- **2 additional days per week of counseling services**
- **¾ of an additional teacher's salary**
- **Replacement of rusting steel siding on the back of the Gym**
- **Upgrading all bathrooms in the building**

If all of our students missed **only 2 days per year**, our attendance rate this year would be **98.8%**. **In order to maintain our current level of General State Aid, we need our students to miss, on average, less than 2 days each this year!** Please realize that your student's attendance is not only the single most important factor in their educational success, but also extremely important to the amount of services and opportunities that the school district can provide them.

**HELP YOUR SCHOOL BY ENSURING YOUR STUDENT'S ATTENDANCE EACH AND EVERY DAY!**