

## ***Quick Facts about School Refusal***

1. Up to 56% of kids who refuse school have a primary anxiety disorder.
2. Symptoms peak during transitional years.
  - Entry into kindergarten, middle school, and high school
3. Average age of onset is 10 to 13 years old.
4. Boys and girls are equally affected.
5. Unrelated to socioeconomic status.
6. No relationship with academic or intellectual ability.
7. Requires a collaborative team approach including:
  - The child/adolescent
  - Parents
  - School staff
  - Medical and mental health professionals

