

Go 2 Grow

Supporting Regular Attendance - A resource for high school students.

Dear <<Student name>>,

Our first day of school is <<Insert date>>, and we are excited to see you back in our hallways. Our goal at <<School name>> is to partner with you to get to school on time every day because every class period matters. Good attendance starts on the first day of school!

School attendance has a huge impact on your academic success. When you miss too much school — regardless of the reason — it can cause you to fall behind academically.

Did You Know:



- By sixth grade, poor attendance can be an early warning sign for students at risk for dropping out of school.
- By ninth grade, good attendance can predict graduation rates even better than eighth-grade test scores.
- It's never too late to have good attendance! You can lessen the effects of poor attendance by coming to school every day this school year.

Set yourself up for good attendance!

- Absences can add up quickly, so use an attendance calendar to track your absences.
- Have a regular bed time and consistent morning routine.
- Pack your backpack and pick out your clothes every night.
- Create a backup plan to get to school if you miss the bus or if you are having car trouble.
- If you are absent, make a plan with your teacher to find out what you missed and make a plan to complete the work.
- Seek advice from teachers, school counselors or your parents if you feel uncomfortable at school.
- Review the school's attendance policy in your handbook.

We know you may miss some school due to illnesses or other unavoidable reasons. However, it is important for you to attend school regularly, because some lessons cannot be made up at home. If you will be absent, please make sure your parent or guardian calls our attendance office by 9 a.m. the day of the absence at (XXX) XXX-XXXX.

We would love to partner with you if you are having trouble getting to school. Please call or text me at (XXX) XXX-XXXX. You also can call or text <<Counselor name>>, our school counselor, at (XXX) XXX-XXXX.

Let us know how we can best support you so that you can show up for school on time every day.

Go <<School mascot>>!

<<Principal Name>>
<<School name>> Principal