



Supporting Regular Attendance - A resource for parents.

Dear <<Mascot name>> parent,

Our first day of school is <<Insert date>>, and we are excited to see you and your student 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 student's academic success. When students miss too much school — regardless of the reason — it can cause them to fall behind academically.

Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school every day.

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.

You can support your child's attendance with the following efforts:

- Use an attendance calendar to track your child's absences.
- Encourage a regular bedtime and consistent morning routine.
- Create a backup plan for your child to get to school if your child misses the bus or if you're having car trouble.
- Schedule medical appointments for after school hours when possible.
- Contact your child's teacher to find out what your child missed and make a plan to complete the work if your student must miss school because of illness.
- Seek advice from teachers, school counselors or other parents to make sure your child feels comfortable coming to school and is excited to learn.
- Review the school's attendance policy in the school's handbook.

We know students may miss some school due to illnesses or other unavoidable reasons. However, it is important for students to attend school regularly, because some lessons cannot be made up at home. If your child will be absent, please call 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 your student 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 and your child so he or she can show up for school on time every day. We want your child to be successful in our school!

Go <<School mascot>>!

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