

Communicating Regular Attendance with Families

Communicating the importance of regular attendance with families, early and often, can increase student attendance beginning with the first day of school. These guidelines may be used to communicate the importance of regular attendance, as well as notification of excessive absences as required by Ohio's attendance laws.

Mode



Delivery by mail, email or text message. It may be a note written by a teacher or principal and sent home with the student. Consider the most effective mode for each family.

Partnership



Partnership: Underscore that the school and family are partners who share the same interest in the student's success instead of the legal consequences of truancy.

Comparison



Utilize graphics and language to show the number of absences of the average student compared to those of other students.

Individualized



Consider the student's unique needs whether it's medical, religious, etc.

Accumulation



Emphasize that a couple of absences per month add up over the course of a year.

Self-efficacy



Highlight the parent's influence on student absenteeism.

Simplification



Write in a way that is easy to understand in as few words as possible without legal jargon.