

A Parent's Guide to Student Attendance

When your child misses school, he/she is missing opportunities to learn, socialize, gain confidence, and be inspired. Many times, student absences are preventable, including routine medical or dental checkups, traveling, or just skipping. This guide has easy tips for you so you can make sure your children don't miss out!

Absences Add up!

#SCHOOLEVERYDAY

Missing just 2 days a month means a child misses 10% of the school year.

Attendance Works

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Don't make others sick

- All students must be up-to-date on immunizations before starting school.
- Your child should stay home for at least 24 hours if: he/she has a fever of 100 degrees or more, has vomited or has diarrhea, has flu-like symptoms - fever, cough, sore throat, chills, aches, pains - your child must be free of symptoms without medicine for a full day before returning to school. If your child is experiencing COVID symptoms, you should contact the campus nurse.



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Appointment times matter

Schedule medical appointments when they are least disruptive to school: on Saturday, later afternoon, or first thing in the morning. If your child must miss school for an appointment, ALWAYS get a note from your doctor and take it to your child's school so that the absence is excused.



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Listen to the nurse

School nurses are trained in how to understand symptoms. If your child contacts you from school, call the school nurse FIRST before deciding what to do.



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Keep your child safe

If your child is being bullied or is scared to go to school, keeping them home won't solve the problem. Instead, immediately go to your child's counselor or assistant principal for help. If your child is depressed, your school nurse or counselor can assist you with finding help.



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Don't miss out if you don't have to

If you take your child out of school to travel, or you let him/her stay home when you know he/she's not really sick, he/she misses important learning time. Missing school has long-term impacts, too: if your child misses 10 days of school, he/she is 3 times more likely to drop out than a child who only misses 5 days of school.



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