

Every Day Counts!



**School Success
and Learning Go
Hand In Hand
with
School
Attendance**

Many of our youngest students miss 10 percent of the school year—about 18 days a year or just two days every month.

Many of these absences are excused, but they still add up to lost learning time in the classroom.

For more information or support please contact:

Name, Principal

Email:

Name, School Counselor or Social Worker

Email:

Name, School Nurse

Email:

Insert School or District
Logo

Name of Elementary
Phone:

Name of
Elementary
School



Help Your Child Succeed In School and Build A Habit of Good Attendance

Why does attendance matter for young students?

- **Attending school regularly helps your child feel better about school—and themselves**
- **Your child learns right away** that going to school on time every day is important
- **Good attendance will help your child develop good habits** and do well in high school, college, and at work



We want to partner with every parent and family so each child in our school can succeed!

DID YOU KNOW?

- **Missing school can make it harder** to learn to read and do math, even in kindergarten
- **Students can fall behind** if they miss just one or two days every few weeks
- **Students who attended school every day in kindergarten and first grade had significantly higher third grade scores** on Reading and Math tests than other students
- **A pattern of being late to school may lead to poor attendance**
- **Absences can affect the whole classroom** if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up who have not been in school



WHAT YOU CAN DO!

- **Set regular bedtime and morning routines**
- **Lay out clothes and backpacks the night before**
- **Introduce yourself to your child's teachers**
- **Avoid family trips when school is in session**
- **Schedule medical appointments outside the school day.** If an appointment has to be during school, arrange for your child to be in school before and after the appointment
- **Come up with backup plans** with family, neighbors or other parents to get children to school
- **If you see a pattern of your child avoiding school, contact their teacher, principal, or school counselor** so we can all work together to make learning a positive experience