



### **SHOWING UP MATTERS!** **EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY**

Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students access learning opportunities and understand why attendance is so important for success in school.



### **Here's How You Can Help!**

- ✓ Check on your Child's attendance to be sure absences are not adding up  
**(Your Child's Attendance and Grades are posted in your "New York City Schools Account" [www.schoolsaccount.nyc](http://www.schoolsaccount.nyc))**
- ✓ Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- ✓ Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep!
- ✓ Stay on top of your child's social contacts.
- ✓ Being aware that missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can significantly impact a student's academic success.

Dear Parents/Families and Students,

The staff at JHS 226 are excited to welcome you to a new school year filled with opportunities to learn and engage! Getting into the habit of daily attendance is more important than ever. Missing a day of school means missing hours of instructional time. *Research shows that students who attend school regularly achieve greater success in school and later in life.* Our school's collective goal for attendance remains the same. **We want every student to attend school every day.**

### **Please be aware of our Attendance Policy at JHS 226:**

- ✓ School doors open every day at 7:45 am
- ✓ Daily Attendance is taken during **1<sup>st</sup> Period, which begins at 8:10 am.**
- ✓ Phone calls to the families of students who are absent or late are sent out daily. *It is very important for the school to have each family's up-to-date contact information. To make sure we can reach you, please alert us of any changes to your email, address, or phone number. **Please be sure to fill out a BLUE CARD at the beginning of the school year.***
- ✓ If you know your child is going to miss school on a certain day or will be missing school for an extended period of time, please notify the school in advance by:
  - o Emailing our Help Desk at [ms226helpdesk@virgilgrissom.com](mailto:ms226helpdesk@virgilgrissom.com)
  - o Calling the school at 718-843-2260
- ✓ While every single absence is equal to missed instructional time, we nonetheless mark absences as excused and unexcused. Please provide us with information and documentation of the reason for your child's absence.
- ✓ If a student needs to be picked up early, a parent or guardian must provide proper identification. *Please note, that students will only be released to parents, guardians, or family members/adults whose names appear on the student's **BLUE CARD.***
- ✓ Students who have under a 90% attendance rate are identified as "Chronically Absent."
- ✓ We are committed to ensuring that every child has the positive support they need to not only attend school every day, but to succeed and thrive. We recognize and celebrate students' attendance throughout the school year.
- ✓ Thank you for your ongoing support!

**ATTEND TODAY,  
ACHIEVE TOMORROW**

