

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This year we want to make sure every student misses no more than 9 days of school, or 1 day a month. We need your help.

Attending school has a huge impact on student success.

We realize some absences are for health or other reasons. But, when students are absent 2 or more days a month (or 18 days over the school year) they can fall far behind in what they learn. Excused and unexcused absences both mean missing classroom learning time.

Absences can add up. Missing just two days every month puts students at risk of falling behind.

Some Attendance Tips:

- Make sure your students keep a regular bedtime and establish a morning routine.
- Turn off all electronics including TVs, phones and tablets at bedtime.
- Make sure clothes and pack backpacks are ready the night before.
- Check with our school nurse or office staff if you are not sure about when to keep your child at home due to illness.
- Try to avoid scheduling vacations or doctor's appointments when school is in session.
- Talk to teachers and counselors for advice if your student feels anxious about going to school.
- Develop back up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, neighbor, or another parent to take your student to school.

Please let us know how we can best support you and your student so that they can show up for school on time every day.

Sincerely,

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