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TURNER MIDDLE SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE

A MESSAGE BY DR. WEBER

Daily Attendance at school is very important for the learning process. We need students here each and every day (when possible). When a student is not present, they are not able to participate in the learning activities, and it is very challenging for teaching staff to duplicate them when the student returns.

IF ABSENT...

Communicate, communicate, communicate! Please call 913-288-4000 and leave a message for attendance. If information needs to be shared with the school nurse, please communicate that as well.

TRUANCY AND CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM

- Truancy is a legal definition. It is defined as "if they are absent without excuse, for a "significant portion" of the school day, for three consecutive days, or five days in a semester, or seven days in a school year. When that occurs, then the school is required to provide notice to the student's parent or guardian." Failure to comply can result in legal proceedings.
- Chronic Absenteeism is defined as "a student who misses ten percent of the school year".

DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ Students are allowed a maximum of 10 excused absences during a school year.
- ✓ Students who exceed the 10 excused days will begin the process of truancy.
- ✓ Last school year nearly 45% of our students were chronically absent. That is over 18 days!

IF SICK...BUT...

If your student is sick, we want them to stay home. It is important that they take care of themselves and do not expose others to the illness.

But if they want to stay home for another reason, please encourage them to come to school. If there is an issue at school, please call and work with an administrator or counselor.

