

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Advancing student success by reducing chronic absenteeism.



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DID YOU KNOW?

Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other potentially serious difficulty.



Help your child succeed in Rosemount-Apple Valley Eagan Public Schools by building the habit of good attendance early! **Attendance Matters** is an initiative in District 196, one that takes a proactive approach to ensuring our students are in school every day. As we know, school success goes hand in hand with good attendance.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college and beyond.

Did you know: Research shows when students attend school regularly, they feel more connected to their community, develop important friendships, strengthen social-emotional skills and are significantly more likely to graduate from high school.

When does absence become a problem?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10% (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two of class every few weeks.
- 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.

CHRONIC ABSENCE

18 or more days



WARNING SIGNS

10 to 17 days



SATISFACTORY

9 or fewer absences



WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular morning and evening routines.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required vaccinations.
- Introduce your child to teachers and classmates before school starts to ease the transition.
- Don't let your child stay home unless he or she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of headache or stomach ache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious, talk to teachers, school counselors or other parents for advice.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

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Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan Public Schools is committed to the success of each student in our district, and with the guidance of the Every Student Succeeds Act, we are seeing graduation rates at an all-time high. With your help, can advance student success by reducing chronic absenteeism and ensure students are prepared and in class every day.

More resources are available at www.District196/attendancematters.



Thanks to **Attendance Works** for providing this helpful information.