

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?

- By 9th grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10 percent, or about 18 days, of the school year can drastically affect a student's academic success.
- Students can be chronically absent even if they only miss a day or two every few weeks.
- Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child graduate from college and keep a job.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- 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.
- Try not to schedule non-school related appointments during the school day.
- Find out if your child feels engaged by classes and feels safe from bullies and other threats. Make sure he/she is not missing class because of behavioral issues and school discipline policies.
- Monitor academic progress and seek help from teachers if necessary.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage meaningful afterschool activities, including sports and clubs.
- Get help from school officials, parents or community agencies if you're having trouble getting your child to school.

CHRONIC ABSENCE

18 or more days



WARNING SIGNS

10 to 17 days



SATISFACTORY

9 or fewer absences



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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, we 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.org/attendancematters.



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