

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

We know students may miss school from time to time, but good attendance all year long is linked to academic and social growth.

On Time. Every Day. All Day.



## WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOUR CHILD MISSES SCHOOL?

ABSENCES

1-9

Good / Satisfactory Attendance

Excused for any reason when the parent approves the absence in writing.

Parents please:

- Call the school when your child won't be there.
- Write a note and send it with your child upon their return to school.

ABSENCES

10  
or more

WARNING and AT RISK for Chronic Absenteeism

Excused only for certain reasons, such as illness, with a medical note.

Parents please:

- Call the school when your child won't be there.
- Provide a medical note or other required documentation, explained in the handbook.

GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



10:46

## Every Day, Every Minute Counts.

Arriving late or leaving early may mean your child has missed more than half the school day.

High school students who leave before or arrive after 10:46 AM on a full school day may be reported as absent for the entire day, even if they were there for morning attendance.

Both excused and unexcused absences count towards total days missed.

## Days Missed Can Add Up.

Missing **just 2 days a month** adds up to missing more than 10% of the school year, which is chronic absenteeism, and hurts a student's success today and in the future.



How many is too many? →

**CHRONICALLY ABSENT**

SATISFACTORY

9 or fewer  
DAYS MISSED

WARNING

10 to 17  
DAYS MISSED

18 or more  
DAYS MISSED