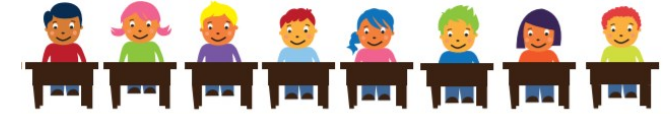


# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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

You Matter. Be Counted.



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



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.



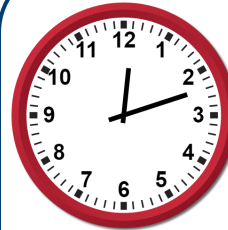
WARNING and AT RISK for Chronic Absenteeism

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.

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## Every Day, Every Minute Counts.

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

K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade students who leave before or arrive after 12:12 PM 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