



# MESA ELEMENTARY

## ATTENDANCE INFORMATION



Mesa's entire attendance policy can be found on our website @ [www.ffc8.org/Mesa](http://www.ffc8.org/Mesa) under 'PARENTS-STUDENTS' tab.

### ***Why attendance matters:***

A missed school day, excused or not, is a lost opportunity for students to learn. Students who attend school regularly and punctually have been shown to achieve at higher levels than those students who do not.

At Mesa elementary we endeavor for every child to feel like a valuable member of their classroom and school community, and we strive to work with families to help our Mountain Lions maintain high levels of attendance and punctuality.

### ***The following are excused absences (please keep in mind, excused absences are still reported as absences under Colorado law):***

1. Personal illness up to 3 days. After 3 days, a doctor's note is required.
2. Death of a relative.
3. Observance of a religious holiday.
4. Military block leave - up to 5 school days prior to deployment with copy of military orders.
5. Doctor, dental and therapy appointments WITH documentation.

### ***The following are unexcused absences:***

1. Personal illness that exceeds 3 days without a doctor's note. While we understand that illness happens, a parent phone call or note does NOT excuse these absences.
2. Military block leave with provided orders.
3. Personal family events - e.g. vacations, birthdays, family events, other family member appointments.

### ***School Practice:***

Attendance is taken by teachers each day at 7:40 a.m. A parent attendance dialer goes out @ 8:30 a.m.

### ***Attendance Watch:***

Students with 6 or more absences (excused and/or unexcused) will receive a phone call or message and a letter of notification.

### ***Attendance Intervention:***

Students who continue to accumulate absences after an attendance letter has been sent will proceed to attendance intervention and meeting with our school counselor.

### ***Attendance Plan:***

Students who continue to accumulate absences after receiving an attendance intervention with notification from our school counselor and/or principal will be placed on a formal attendance plan.