

SCHOOL PLEDGE

Right now, today, this very moment, I am capable of giving myself, the gift of absolute self-assurance, self-belief, and powerful non-stop confidence in myself.



“ TO THROUGH AND BEYOND COLLEGE ”

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL DUNGEY



Keep Your Child On Track in Middle and High School: Pay Attention to Attendance

Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students access learning opportunities and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job. Families can also advocate for resources to help students learn if they cannot attend in-person.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Frequent 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 difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can affect a student's academic success.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Make school attendance a priority

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- Help your teen maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and non-Covid-19 related medical appointments during the school day.
- Keep your student healthy, and if you are concerned about Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your teens must stay home because they are sick or in quarantine, make sure they have asked teachers for resources and materials to make up for the missed learning time in the classroom.

Help your teen stay engaged

- Find out if your children feel engaged by their classes, and feel safe from bullies and other threats.
- Make sure your teens are not missing class because of challenges with behavioral issues or school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, contact the school and work with them to find a solution.
- Monitor you teen's academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors when necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- 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 your teen to join meaningful after-school activities, including sports and clubs.
- Notice and support your students if they are showing signs of anxiety.

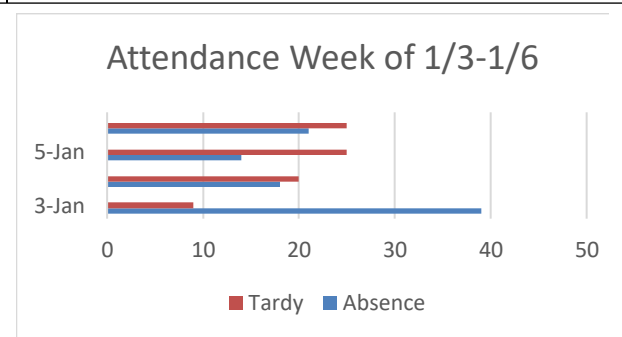
Communicate with the school

- Know the school's attendance policy - incentives and penalties.
- Check on your teen's attendance to be sure absences are not adding up.
- Seek help from school staff, other parents or community agencies if you need support.



| DAY | ANNOUNCEMENTS |
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| Monday 1/9 | Read & Respond/C3 Homework goes home. |
| Tuesday 1/10 | Complete Read & Respond/C3 Homework Tutoring 4-5:30 |
| Wednesday 1/11 | Complete Read & Respond/C3 |
| Thursday 1/12 | Complete Read & Respond/C3 Tutoring 4-5:30 |
| Friday 1/13 | Read & Respond /C3 Homework Due |

| UPCOMING | |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| 1/16 | MLK Day – No School |
| Week of 1/16 | NWEA Testing begins |
| Week of 1//23 | ANET Testing begins |
| 1/25 | ½ Day Staff PD |
| 1/27 | END OF Q 2 |
| 2/16 | Black History Program |
| 2/20-2/24 | Mid-Winter Break |



Testing

Test taking has become an increasingly valuable skill. Recently, testing has taken center stage due to accountability and more rigorous standards. Students need to learn strategies and techniques beginning in elementary school and in order to succeed throughout their academic careers.

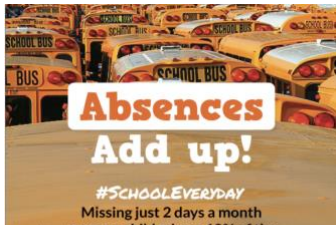
Testing in school is very important. It not only helps teachers assess student ability and subject mastery; it also helps students and parents to monitor progress. Providing a child with test taking strategies and techniques will help students and schools perform better.

How are you preparing your students to be successful? Are you practicing test taking strategies on a daily basis? As well as teaching them how to manage their stress/emotions during testing? Are you sharing these strategies with your parents? The following website can provide additional information on test taking strategies for parents and teachers.

[Online test prep](#)

Basic Test Taking Tips

1. Go to bed early – Get plenty of rest prior to testing
2. Make sure to eat breakfast
3. Relax – Practice stress relief strategies
 1. Take deep breaths
 2. Think positive thoughts – You got this!
 3. Think about the strategies that you have learned.



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DeansList for Families at New Paradigm Glazer Academy (NPG)

DeansList for Families allows parents and guardians to see their student's daily progress as well as any class announcements, providing a feedback loop of communication between parents, students, and administrators. DeansList for Families is accessible via a web browser and a mobile application (for iOS and Android devices).

DeansList for Families Information for the Parent/Guardian of:



Step 1: To set up your account, follow these directions:

Go to
<https://deanslist.me>
and click "Parents & Guardians."

OR

Download the "DeansList for Families" app.
Click "Register" and "Parents & Guardians"



The Importance of Attendance

One of the most important things your child can do to achieve academic success is also one of the most basic: going to school every day. In fact, research has shown that your child's attendance record may be the biggest factor influencing her academic success.

Benefits of daily attendance:

By attending class regularly, your child is more likely to keep up with the daily lessons and assignments and take quizzes and tests on time.

There are other benefits as well:

Achievement: Students who attend school regularly are more likely to pass reading and math assessments than students who don't attend school regularly.

Opportunity: For older students, being in school every day gives them a chance to learn more about college and scholarship opportunities, and to take the important exams they need to build a successful academic record.

Exposure to the English language: Regular school attendance can also help students who are learning English by giving them the chance to master the skills and information they need more quickly and accurately even in other subjects!

Being part of the school community: Just by being present at school, your child is learning how to be a good citizen by participating in the school community, learning valuable social skills, and developing a broader world view.

The importance of education: Your commitment to school attendance will also send a message to your child that education is a priority for your family, going to school every day is a critical part of educational success, and that it's important to take your responsibilities seriously including going to school.

By making your child's school attendance a priority, you will be taking an important step in supporting your child's school success and setting a good example. Remember every day counts!