

# Help Your Student's Attendance

1. Make medical or other appointments after school/during holidays.
2. Contact attendance on the first morning of student's illness; send a note upon student return.
3. Send note from doctor or health clinic if student has been sick for more than three consecutive days.
4. Arrange a meeting with student's teachers to discuss any problems.
5. Take an interest in your student's school work.
6. Sign up for Skyward Family Access to monitor grades and attendance.
7. Be aware of signs your student may not be going to class; discuss with them and take time to listen to them.
8. Help your student catch up with any missed work.
9. Make sure your students get to school every day and on time.
10. Manage your student's evening schedule to ensure they are getting a good night's rest that will ensure their academic achievement.



# 80 Percent of Success is Showing Up

## Did You Know?

- One day a week adds up to 270 hours a year; that's 36 days and over seven weeks away from school!!!
- It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to ensure that their child attends school regularly. It is also the responsibility of the parent or guardian to inform the school when their child is too ill to come to school



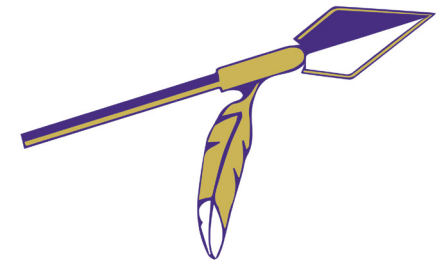
## Consequences for Poor Attendance

- Retention
- Impact on driver license
- Court appearances and fines
- Mandated attendance by the courts
- Tutorials

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## Q&A

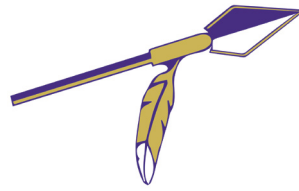
### Q: What situations count as a temporary absence?

- Documented health care appointment, if the student begins classes or returns to school on the same day as the appointment;
- Observance of religious holy days;
- Juvenile court proceeding documented by appropriate court personnel;
- Required screening, diagnosis, and treatment for Medicaid-eligible students;
- Board-approved extracurricular activity;
- The student is appearing at a governmental office to complete paperwork required in connection with the student's application for United States citizenship or military service;
- The student is visiting an accredited institution of higher education during the student's junior or senior year. No more than two days are allowed during the student's junior year and two days during the student's senior year;
- Student is sounding "Taps" at a military funeral.

### Q: Will students need a doctor's note every time they are absent due to illness?

When a student's absence for personal illness exceeds three consecutive days, the student must present a statement from a physician, health clinic or school nurse verifying the illness or other condition requiring the student's extended absence from school.

# Being Here is Half the Battle!



### Q: What will be considered an excused absence?

- Personal illnesses that do not exceed 3 consecutive days with a note from a parent or guardian. Illnesses that extend beyond 3 days will require a doctor's note. Please notify the attendance office if your student is out more than 3 days;
- Documentation for absences must be provided within 3 days of the student returning to school.

### Q: What will be considered an unexcused absence?

Any absence not listed above will be considered an unexcused absence. Examples of unexcused absences include, but are not limited to: skipping/cutting class, car trouble, oversleeping, personal business, vacation, etc. Absence due to being removed from the bus will be considered an unexcused absence.



## Q&A

### Q: What is the compulsory school attendance law?

State law requires a student enrolled in grades Pre-K through 12th grade shall attend school. A student may not be given credit or a final grade for a class unless the student is in attendance for at least 90 percent of the days the class is offered. Students who do not meet the 90 percent rule may be required to attend Saturday School or AISD attendance committee meetings.

### Q: How do we take family vacations during the school year?

Family vacations need to be taken during scheduled breaks, as denoted on the official school calendar.

