



Kindergarten Attendance Leads to School Success

Kindergarten is an exciting and important year for you and your child - one of the most important years of school! Having great attendance in kindergarten will prepare your child to do well in school. As a parent, you are the best person to help your child understand why Attendance Counts - Every Day - Everyone!

DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ When you enroll your child in kindergarten, Texas law requires he/she attends.
- ✓ Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in learning.
- ✓ If your child misses just a day or two days every few weeks throughout the school year, these missed days add up to nearly a month of lost learning.
- ✓ Being late to school causes your child to miss out on important learning.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. **Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.** Children are most able and willing to learn when they have had plenty of sleep.
2. **Set your alarm clocks** to make sure everyone gets up on time. **Allow time for the unexpected.** Consider having clothes and school bags ready the night before.
3. **Have a back-up plan for getting your child to and from school** if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
4. **Call the school Attendance Office** and let them know if your child will miss school or if you are having a hard time getting your child to school.
5. Make sure your child goes to school every day **unless they are sick.** If you're not sure if your child's sickness should result in an absence, call your child's doctor or the school nurse.
6. Schedule your child's medical and dental **appointments at the end of the school day.** Plan your **vacations outside of school time.**



Our students are very important to us in Klein ISD, and we want them to be with us each school day. Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves. Thank you for helping our students build good habits now, so they learn right away that going to school every day and on time is important to their success.