

Tips and Suggestions to help parents promote attendance

- Model a positive attitude toward school.
- Establish morning routines and allow plenty of time to get ready in the morning to avoid missing the bus and being late to school.
- Set a consistent bedtime.
- Get your child involved in school activities that interest her/him.
- Be calm and consistent with discipline.
- Talk to your child about the importance of good habits and a healthy lifestyle.
- Provide appropriate, reasonable rewards and consequences in a timely manner.
- Never make idle threats, such as threatening to turn your child over to authorities, throw them out, or send them away.
- Ask for help when you need it!

Making sure your child is in attendance at school daily, promotes a commitment to education which helps your child form good habits that will last a lifetime.

Communication is the key to building a strong partnership with your child's school. **Here's what you can do:**

- Be sure to tell the school when your **contact information** changes.
- **Notify** the school of an absence.
- **Participate** in school conferences.

Teachers, Counselors, Assistant Principals, Principals, and School Nurses want to help!

More District Resources

- **Grade Placement Testing**
Melodye Pieniazek (210) 648-7861
- **Gifted & Talented/504/Dyslexia**
Donna Owen (210) 648-7861
- **Dropout Prevention /Recovery**
Patty Reyes (210) 581-1188
- **Parent Involvement Opportunities**
Meredith Rokas (210) 648-7861
- **Homebound Services**
Rebecca Melton (210) 581-1188
- **ECPD Truancy Officer**
Edwina Orosco (210) 649-2201
- **Student Services Director**
Greg Olivia (210) 649-4481
- **District Health Services Facilitator**
Linda Bailey (210) 333-9573

School attendance is the law

Did you know that it is a parent's legal responsibility to ensure that their child attends school regularly and on time? The State Compulsory Attendance Law requires that:

- Children between 6 and 18 must attend school.
- Children enrolled in **pre-kindergarten** and **kindergarten** are required to follow the same attendance law.
- Kids enrolled in school must attend **all day, every day, the entire school year.**

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Parent & Student Guide to Good School Attendance



Students who have good attendance are at school on time, all day, every day, and have less than 2 absences a month.

Excused and unexcused absences

Excused absences are when school-aged students are absent from school with a valid excuse and parental approval.

Examples of excused absences include:

- Student/family illness
- Death in the family
- Documented health care appointment
- Religious holidays
- Juvenile court proceeding
- Board approved extra-curricular activities

Unexcused absences are when school-aged students are absent from school without a valid excuse, with or without parental approval.

Examples of unexcused absences include:

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| Babysitting ☒ | Shopping |
| Doing errands ☒ | Oversleeping |
| Cutting Classes ☒ | Job hunting |

Good attendance guidelines

- Bring your child on time and make sure he/she stays all day.
- Schedule appointments after school or on weekends.
- If an appointment must be scheduled during the day, return your child to school unless the doctor recommends taking the child home.
- Provide a doctor's note to the school when your child returns.

Barriers to good attendance

- Lack of supplies
- Lack of clean clothing
- Lack of lunch or lunch money
- Nervous/Anxious feelings
- Experiencing conflict at home
- Homelessness
- Language barriers
- Feeling behind academically
- Not feeling connected to school
- Not feeling challenged at school
- Needing daycare for younger sibling

If your family is experiencing issues that are keeping your children from attending school **on time, all day, every day**, we are here to help.

District Resources

East Central Social Services

Raquel Hernandez (210) 649-4216
7395 FM 1628, SATX 78263

East Central Community Education

Alma Ayala (210) 649-2121
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Community Resources

Contacts for Counseling Services:

STAR Program (210) 283-5183
Community Counseling Svc. (210) 434-1054
Family Life Center (210) 438-6411
Jewish Family Services (210) 533-1112
Child Guidance Center (210) 614-7070
Palmer Drug Abuse Program (210) 697-9766

Contacts for Medical/Health Related Services:

Center for Health Care Svc. (210) 223-4061
Centro Med (210) 927-1816
Public Health Clinic Svc. (210) 207-8780
Nurse Link (210) 358-3000

Contacts for Family and Other Resources:

San Antonio Food Bank (210) 337-3663
Medical/SNAP Benefits & Food Pantry (210) 431-8326
Becoming Apparent, Inc. (210) 473-4246
Workforce Solutions Alamo (210) 581-0191
Mexican American Unity Counsel (210) 978-0500
Baptist Children's Home Ministries (210) 674-3010 ext. 236
Roy Maas' Youth Alternatives (210) 340-7971
Boys & Girls Town (210) 271-1010
Methodist Children's Home (210) 696-2410
Boysville (210) 659-1901

United Way can also direct you to helpful resources, Dial 211 or (210) 227-4357

Center for Health Care Services Crisis Lines (210) 731-1320 or 1-800-316-9241

