



**FAMILY ACADEMY**

# Health and Wellness

THURS, DECEMBER 7 | 6-7:30 PM



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Family Academy - December 7, 2023

# GETTING TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER







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Family Academy - March 2, 2023

GOAL: Every scholar attends school at least 90% of the time

**Satisfactory:** Attending and being engaged in school every day

**Signs of Support:** Missing 1 day per month

**Chronic absenteeism:** Missing 2 days per month

*This is referring to the total of all scholar absences, whether excused or unexcused.*

*Truancy (also known as a Becca petition) is excessive unexcused absences.*






## What are common reasons for student absences?



# What we're hearing across our region

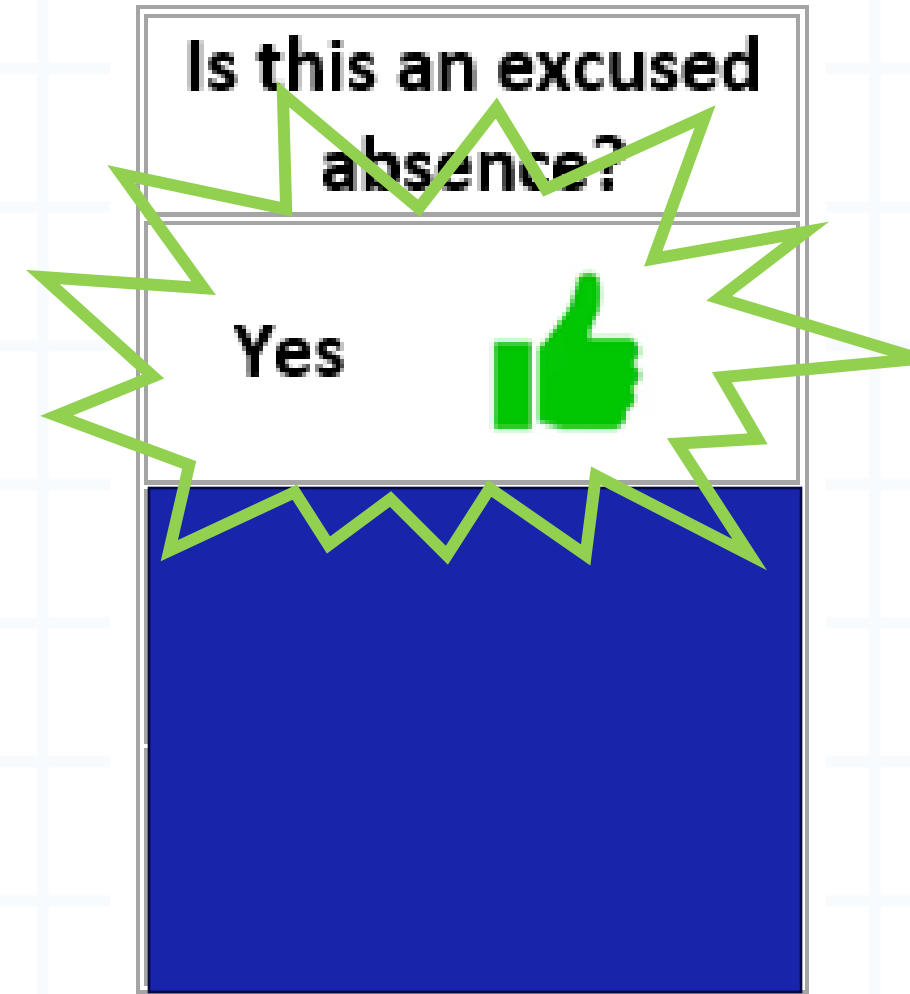
- Illness
- Doctor appointments
- Family obligations
- Transportation
- Having trouble getting ready on time
- Bullying
- Anxiety

Let's try some scenarios: Is this an excused absence?		
If you think:	Please give us a:	On Zoom, please respond in the chat:
Yes – excused	"thumbs up" 	<i>Yes</i>
No – unexcused	"thumbs down" 	<i>No</i>
Maybe – need more information	"thumbs sideways" 	<i>Maybe</i>

# My child has a fever or is sick

- Report the absence (call, email, and/or use ParentVUE)
- Ask the teacher for resources to stay caught up (older scholars can talk directly to teachers)
- Longer absences can be pre-arranged

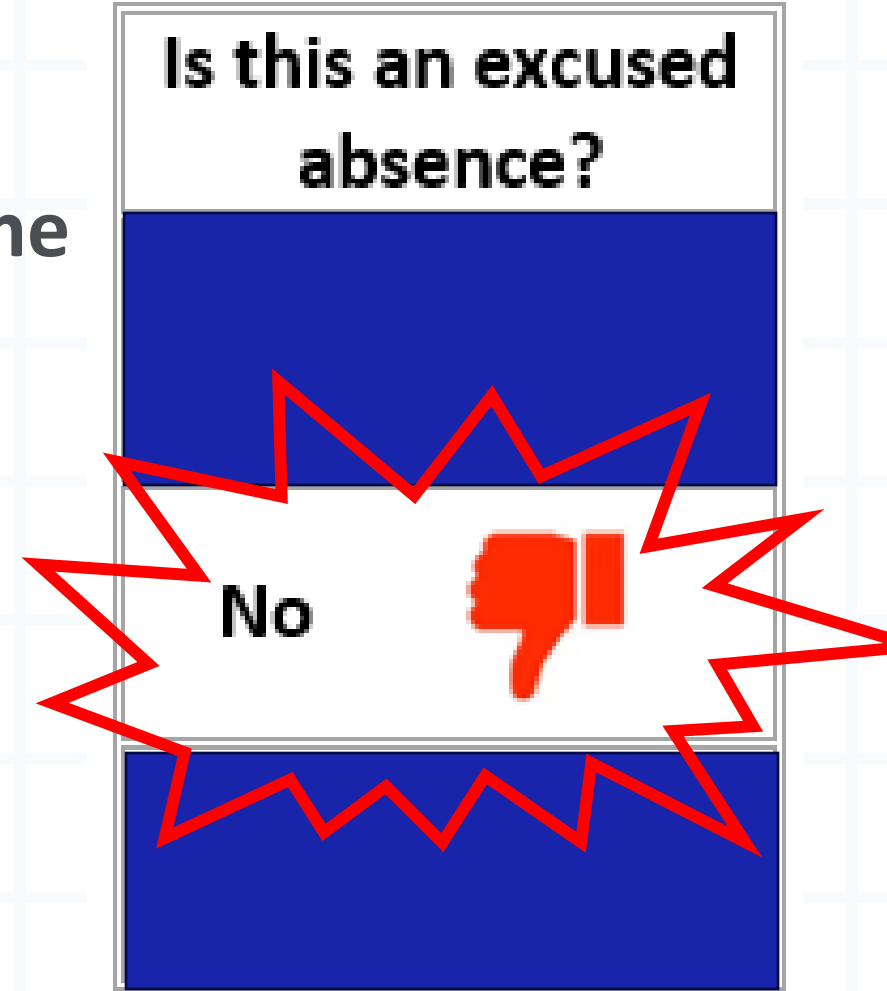
*Questions? Look at "Is my child too sick to go to school?" on [www.fwps.org](http://www.fwps.org) or talk to school nurse.*





# My child has trouble getting ready on time

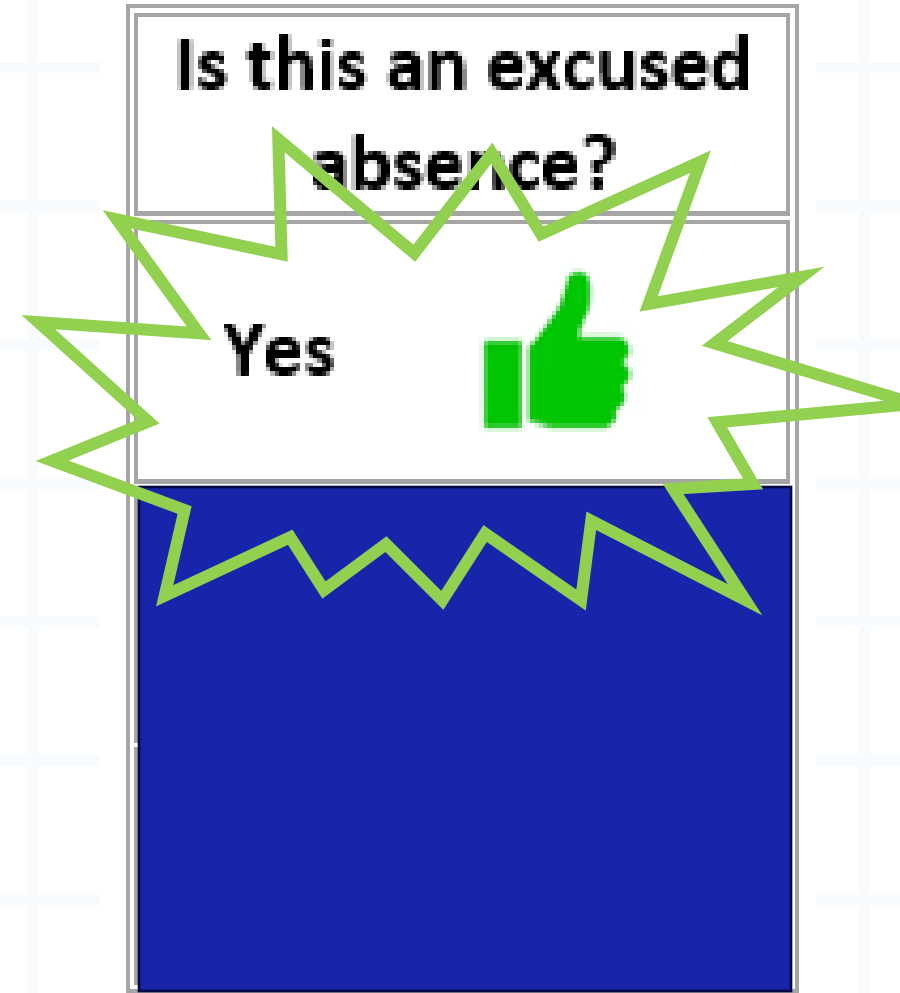
- Regular bedtime and morning routine
- Prepare clothes and back packs ahead of time
- Help keep a schedule for daily routines (homework, etc.)



# My child told me that they are being bullied

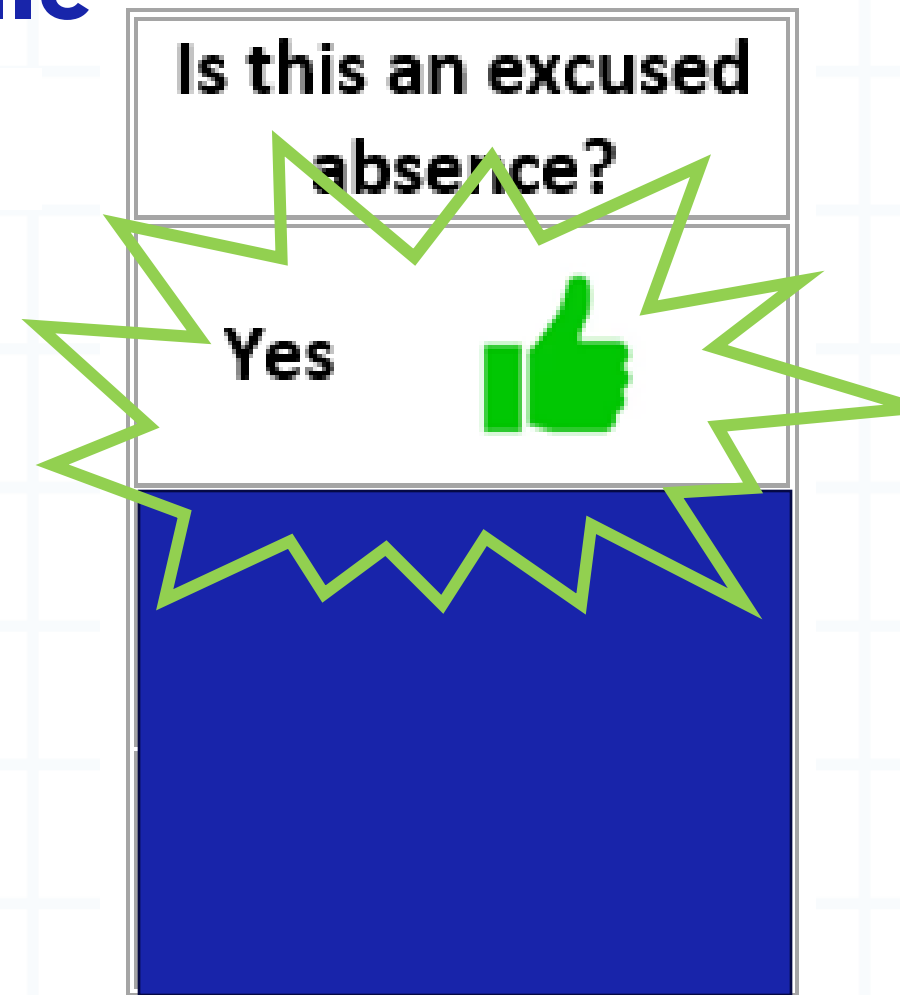
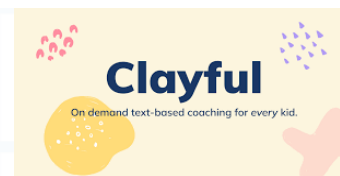
- Ask your child about what is happening
- Reach out to your school principal
- If needed, [go here](#) to learn more about bullying and how to report it. Forms are available in multiple languages.

*Absences due to safety concerns  
can be excused.*



# My child is having anxiety about going to school or has a mental health challenge~~~

- Connect with school for Mental Health Services
- Be aware of your child's social contacts
- Other possible reasons for your child's school avoidance



*Mental health absences **are excused in the same way as** other health absences.*

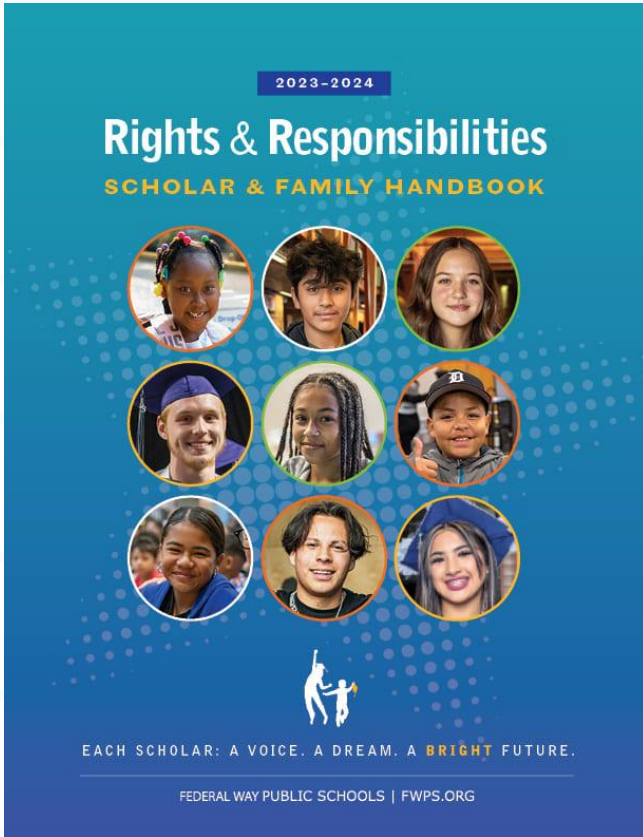
# General strategies to support attendance

## Make school attendance a priority

- **Showing up to school every day = future academic success!**
- **Check on child's academic progress, talk to teachers or tutors if needed**
- **Keep your contact info updated with the school**
- **Look into after-school activities for your child like sports and clubs**



# Partner and communicate with the school



- **Learn the school/district attendance policies**
- **Check on your child's attendance**
- **Seek help from school staff, other parents or community agencies if you need support**
- **If needed, call your school assistant for advice or other resources**



Ask for help



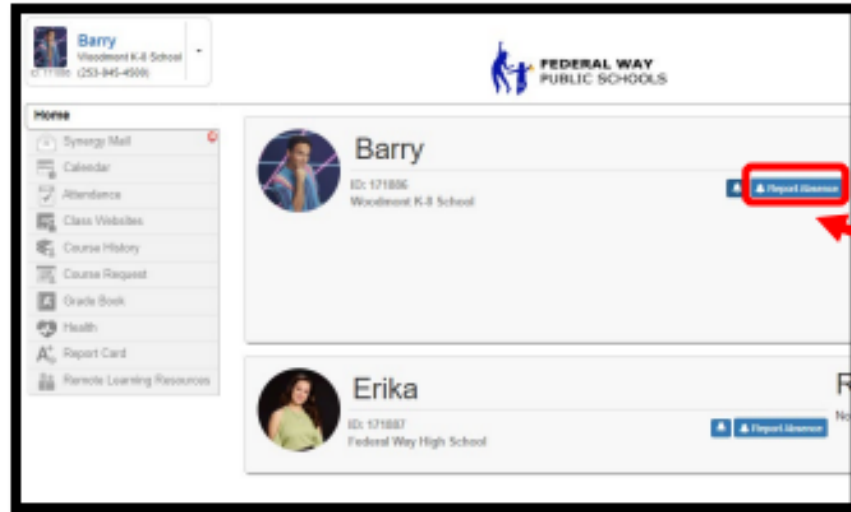
# HOW TO Report an Absence in ParentVUE

This guide will walk you through the steps of reporting an absence in ParentVUE



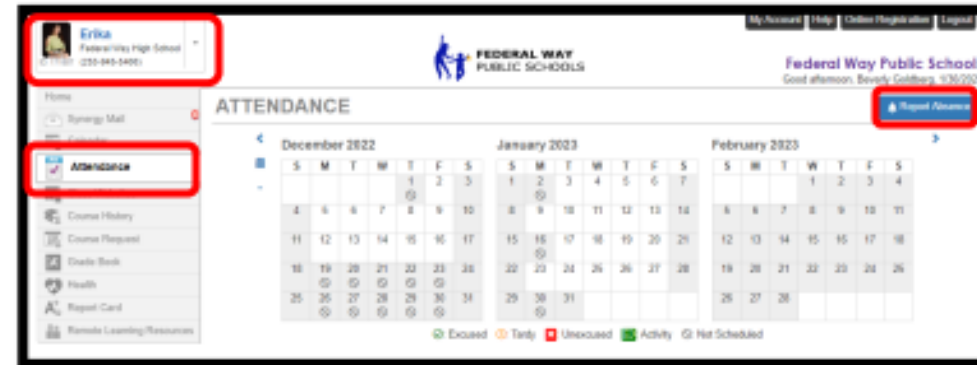
ParentVUE

**Step 1:** Log in to ParentVUE with the username and password previously created



**Step 2:** There are two places to report an absence

1. The Home Screen - Click on the Report Absence button for the desired student
2. Or the Attendance Tab
  - Select the desired student from the drop down in the upper left corner.
  - Then, click on the Report Absence button



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Start Date: 01/30/2023

End Date (optional):

**Step 3:** A Report Absences box or screen will appear

- Select a start date of the absence. If the absence extends over multiple days, also include an end date.

Note\*

**Step 4:** Note\* - A brief note about the absence is required.  
Example: student is home sick or student has an appointment

Select A Reason

**Step 5:** Select a reason – The only option available is PVUE Reported.

Add doctor's note or document

**Step 6:** Optional – You can attach a doctor's note or document to the absence.

**Step 7:** Save

Further support can be obtained by contacting ParentVUE Support by email [grades@fwps.org](mailto:grades@fwps.org) or Message line at (253) 945-2100

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# The Office of Equity

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TODAY.  
ACHIEVE  
TOMORROW!**

#showingupmatters



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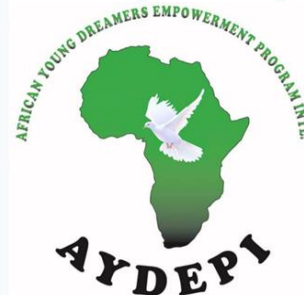
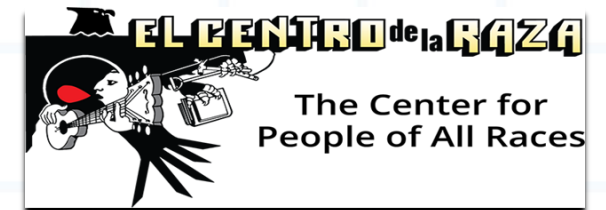
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# Partnering in Education





# The BECCA Bill

- Additional Layer of Safety
- Additional Support
- Build Partnerships

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# Bridging Worlds

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# Making Decisions

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QUESTIONS

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*Sau buổi sự kiện: Hãy giúp chúng tôi cải thiện!*

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Помогите нам учесть недочёты!

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