



Pay Attention to Attendance

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The District is obligated, under statutory law, to notify the parent/guardian when a student is truant.
- A truant student is any pupil subject to compulsory education who is absent from school without a valid excuse three full days, or late or absent for more than any 30-minute period during the school day without a valid excuse on three occasions in one school year, or any combination thereof, is a truant.
- According to State law, the following reasons are considered excused absences:
 - Illness
 - Court Hearings / Jury Duty
 - Doctor / Dentist Appointment
 - Military Family Reunification
 - Attendance to an Employment / Educational Conference
 - Funeral
 - Religious Observance

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Communicate with the school

- Check on your child's attendance to be sure absences are not piling up.
- Ask for help from school officials, afterschool programs, other parents or community agencies if you're having trouble getting your child to school.
- If the student misses school for an excusable reason, provide the school a written note with the following information within 3 school days from the absence:
 - The absent child's name
 - The Name and Signature of the Parent/Guardian who wrote the note
 - Date of the note
 - Date of absence(s) to which the note refers
 - The reason for the absence
 - Or provide a medical note