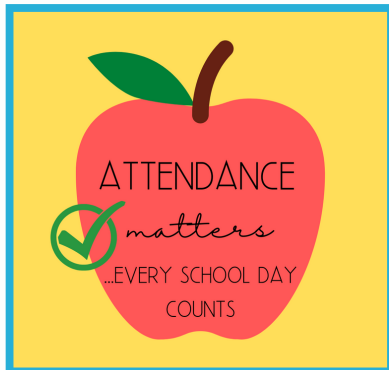


# ATTENDANCE MATTERS



*Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school —and themselves!*



## WHAT TO DO IF YOUR STUDENT IS ABSENT:

Please call the school attendance line within 72 hours of your student's absence and provide a specific reason verifying the absence.

Providing a specific reason for your student's absence will help to reduce the number of follow-up calls going home and can potentially reduce the likelihood that your student will receive a truancy letter.

Helpful Attendance Resources:

[PUSD Attendance](#) [PUSD Family Handbook](#) [Truancy FAQ](#)  
Schedule vacations during school breaks using the [PUSD calendar](#).

## EXAMPLES OF UNEXCUSED ABSENCES:

- "Personal"
- Overslept
- Vacation
- Missed the bus
- Parent/Guardian does not call the school to clear the absence within 72 hours

## EXAMPLES OF EXCUSED ABSENCES:

- Illness or sickness
- Mental or behavioral health
- Medical, dental, optometrical, or chiropractic appointment
- Attendance at a funeral service for a member of the student's immediate family
- Other reasons authorized at the discretion of the principal using a pre-approved absence form

For a complete list of reasons an absence may be considered excused by PUSD, please click [here](#).

