

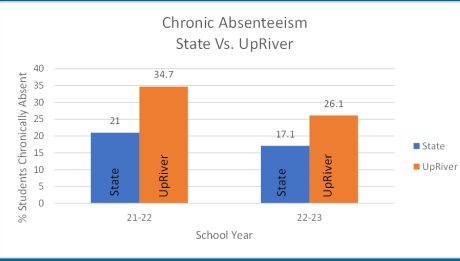
## Our School Goal

We at UpRiver want all of our students to be successful in learning and in life!

Our school goal is to reduce chronic absenteeism (students who have missed 10% or more school days) to no more than 17% of our students this school year.

To reach our goal we have:

- ◆ Worked to make coming to school fun and fulfilling for all students.
- ◆ Increased our communication with you.
- ◆ Partnered with amazing local businesses to implement individual and class-wide incentives.
- ◆ Implemented recognition for good attendance habits.



UpRiver School's absenteeism rate (% of students who were absent for 10% or more of school days) over the past 2-years compared to state averages.

### Have questions or concerns?

Let's work together!

Contact your child's teacher or the front office. We are happy to help.

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## Attendance Counts at UpRiver School



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## Why is good attendance important?

- ◆ Missing 10%, about 2 days each month, can make it harder for your child to:  
Gain reading and math skills
- ◆ Build relationships
- ◆ Develop good attendance habits
- ◆ Students can even fall behind if they miss one or two days every few weeks.
- ◆ Missing school can affect the learning of the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down and help children who were absent catch up.
- ◆ Regular attendance at school can help your student feel better about school and themselves!
- ◆ By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of the three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- ◆ Regular attendance habits are important skills for success in high school, college, and the workplace.

## Families play an important role in regular attendance

- ◆ Set regular routines for bedtime and mornings.
- ◆ Schedule dental, non-emergency medical appointments, and extended trips during non-school times.
- ◆ Keep your student healthy with plenty of sleep and good health habits.
- ◆ Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- ◆ Develop backup plans for getting to school in case of unexpected events like missing the bus or car troubles. Call on a family member, neighbor, or another parent.
- ◆ If your child seems anxious or is refusing to come to school, call the school for advice on how to make your child feel more comfortable.
- ◆ If your child must stay home due to an illness, ask the teacher for resources to continue learning at home.
- ◆ Check your student's attendance to be sure that days are not adding up.

## District Attendance Policy

1. Any student absence beyond ten (10) days per semester may mean the loss of credit in those classes missed or grade level retention.
2. An absence, for ANY REASON, other than a school-sponsored or an administration approved absence will count toward the ten-day (10) limit. School-sponsored or administration-approved absences such as school sponsored activities, bereavement in the immediate family (grandmother, grandfather, father, mother, sister, brother), medical or dental appointment, illness or hospitalization verified by a licensed medical provider's note which specific dates are the ONLY absences the WILL NOT be used in calculating attendance.
3. After five (5) absences from school/class, a letter will be sent to the student's home, indicating the school policy and the number of days missed.
4. After seven (7) absences from school/class, a second letter will be sent to the student's home, indicating the severity of the situation and explaining in detail the alternatives for non-compliance.
5. Upon the student exceeding the tenth (10th) absence, the student may have credit withheld or be denied grade promotion and will be referred to the Building Attendance Committee. The Building Attendance Committee can, after hearing a student/parent/guardian's appeal for attendance waiver, deny credit, or put certain stipulations on a student whose credit or grade promotion will be dependent upon an agreement reached with the student/parents/guardians concerning attendance for the remainder of the semester.

***\*See School Board Policy No. 501.01, School Attendance/Habitual Truant, for the complete policy.***

