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TOMORROW

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Annie Burnside Attendance  
Session

November 17, 2020



# Welcome/Agenda

- The Importance of Attendance
- Excused Absences
- Unexcused Absences
- Tardies & Dismissal
- School Personnel
- Questions & Concerns
- Dinner on Burnside Drawing

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## Why Is Attendance Important

- Students are more likely to succeed in academics when they attend school regularly.
- Students with poor school attendance as early as kindergarten are more likely to drop out of school.
- Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade or be held back.
- Research shows that missing 10 percent of the school, or about 18 days in most school districts, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month and that's known as chronic absence.



# What Parents Need to Know About Attendance

- Excused Absences:
  - Note received within 48 hours of absence
  - Only 10 parent notes per year (excusable reason)
- Excusable Absences:
  - Cases of extended or chronic illnesses with a doctor's note.
  - Doctor or dental appointments.
  - Contagious illness that could spread to students and staff.
  - Serious illness or death in the student's family limited to 3 days.



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## What Parents Need to Know About Attendance

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- Unexcused Absences
  - The student does not attend school without a good reason and without the parent/guardian's knowledge.
  - Any reason not listed under excused absences.
  - After 3 consecutive absences without a note or 5 unexcused absences a meeting will be scheduled.



# Tardies and Early Dismissals

- Students are tardy at 7:30 am
- Early dismissal ends at 2:00 pm
- When a student has over 10 unexcused tardies and/or early dismissals, parents will be required to attend an Attendance Intervention Meeting.



# Social Work Services: School, Student, Family, Community

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- **Serve on IEP, MTSS, Parent Seminar and Attendance Teams**
- **Provide case management to high-risk students**
- **Assess and intervene on student attendance and truancy concerns**
- **Locate resources for students and their families**
- **Conduct parent training**
- **Conduct home visits**



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## Parent and Family Engagement Specialist

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- Welcome parents to play an active role in their child's education
- Ensure that parents have reasonable access to staff
- Conducts home visits
- Builds community among parents
- Help parents understand expectations for student work
- Building a bridge between parents and school
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# QUESTIONS & CONCERNS





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THANK YOU!