

# GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL High School

## Title I Schoolwide Parent/Family Engagement attendance **MATTERS**

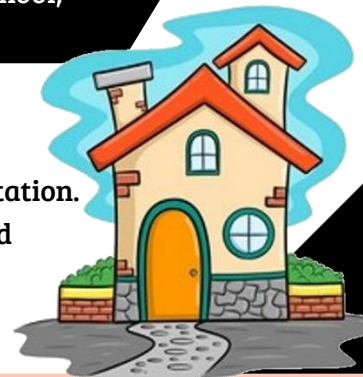
Did you know?



- ❖ Attendance in school, has a huge impact on a student's academic success. 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.
- ❖ Students should miss no more than 8 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- ❖ Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a challenge or facing some other difficulty.
- ❖ Students can be chronically absent even if they only miss a day or two every few weeks.
- ❖ Attendance is an important life skill that will help your son/daughter graduate from high school, college and keep a job for a successful career.

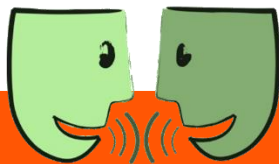
### AT HOME

- ❖ Make attendance at school a priority.
- ❖ Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day, and make that the expectation.
- ❖ Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- ❖ Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day.



- ❖ Find out if your child feels engaged by his/her classes and check the student portal on X2 to monitor progress.
- ❖ Stay on top of progress and seek help from teachers or counselors, if necessary. Make sure teachers and counselors know the best way to contact you.
- ❖ Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- ❖ Encourage meaningful after-school activities, including sports, clubs and the homework and tutoring center. Check out our school's website at [www.gltech.org](http://www.gltech.org) for more information.

### COMMUNICATION



- ❖ Students are limited to 3 unexcused absences per quarter. Students exceeding this limit will not receive academic credit for all courses in the quarter. Students exceeding 12 days of unexcused absences for the year may not receive credit for all courses for the year. (Please see student handbook for more information)
- ❖ Please monitor your child's attendance and keep in contact with your child's teachers and counselors if you notice sudden changes in behavior.