

MUSD's goal is to ensure the attendance of students and to promote a school culture of academic achievement.

The parent or guardian is charged by law with the responsibility for the student's consistent school attendance. The superintendent/principal designee will enforce the laws regarding attendance, with consideration of the variables that affect children and families. The superintendent/principal designee will place emphasis on the prevention and correction of the causes of absenteeism.

## PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Parents/Guardians and students should be aware of the attendance policy. Students should attend class all day. Parents/Guardians need to call the school prior to 8:00 a.m. to provide the attendance clerk with the following information:

- Parent's Name
- Student's Name
- Teacher's Name
- Reason for Absence (i.e. Flu, Strep Throat, Asthma)
- Contact Phone Number

Parents and students may be asked to verify absences in writing within 24 hours. Arrange for doctor and dentist appointments after school as often as possible. Students need a full instructional day. Parents and/or guardians will inform the school of any changes to contact phone numbers.

## **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

The following reasons will be accepted as excuses for being absent:

- Verified legal appointment, such as court
- Religious holiday
- Funeral/death in the family
- Verified illness or hospitalization
- Communicable disease (Flu, Measles, etc.)
- Pre-approved request/special circumstance (i.e. family, vacation)