



Dear NPS Community:

Our goal is to ensure that every student attends school regularly

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success, beginning in pre-kindergarten and continuing through high school to graduation. 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 in life.

We realize some absences are unavoidable due to health issues or other circumstances. But we also know that when students miss too much school, regardless of the reason, they can fall behind academically and in many other ways.

Your child is less likely to succeed if he or she is chronically absent, which means missing 10% of days for any reason, including excused and unexcused absences. A child is chronically absent if he or she misses just two days every month!

- Children chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade are much less likely to read at grade level by the end of 3rd grade.

Absences can add up quickly each month, and children who are absent, even if excused, are missing valuable instructional time. Unexcused absences and Excused Absences are still absences from school, and your child's school will engage support when your child is absent. Should your child be absent from school, you can expect to be contacted by the school with an update as to your child's attendance.

Clearly, Going to School Regularly Matters!

We don't want your child to fall behind in school and get discouraged. Please ensure that your child attends school every day and arrives on time. Here are a few practical tips to help support regular attendance and being on time to school each day.

- Make sure your children keep a regular bedtime and establish a morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Ensure your children go to school every day unless legitimately sick.
- Avoid scheduling vacations or doctor's appointments when school is in session.
- Talk to teachers and counselors for advice if your children feel anxious about going to school.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, neighbor, or another parent to take your child to school.

Let us know how your school can best support you and your children so that they can show up for school on time every day. We want your child to be successful in school! Please contact us if you have any questions or need more information.

What's New at Your High School This Year?

Research shows that when students feel connected to and supported by their teachers, they are more motivated to attend and have better academic outcomes. Students succeed when families and educators work together as equal partners. Prioritizing respect and creating a space where students feel connected to adults within the school are just a few ways we can create positive engagement. This year, NPS seeks a school, family and scholars' partnership to ensure students attend school daily and arrive on time.

Tardy Information

- A student will be marked tardy if they arrive after the late bell and tardies will be either excused or unexcused.
- If a student arrives to class late 30 minutes or more, they will be marked with an unexcused tardy (T30)
- Three unexcused tardies (T30) will count as one unexcused absence from class.

Procedure Regarding Incompletes for Attendance (IA)

Students who have absences (unexcused or excused) totaling 18 in a full-year course and 9 in a semester course may receive an Incomplete for Attendance (IA), rather than the passing course grade, as the final grade.

- Families will be notified in writing if students are at risk of receiving an Incomplete for Attendance (IA) because they are currently missing 10% or more of a course.
 - Students will have 30 calendar days from the date on the notification to provide additional information regarding absences. After 30 calendar days, additional information will not be considered.
- Students with an Incomplete for Attendance (IA), in one or more classes, may resolve it by completing additional steps outlined in a contract between the school, the student and family.
- If the Incomplete for Attendance (IA) is not resolved by the deadline, a grade of 50 will be entered in its place.

If you need support with school attendance, please contact the school for assistance.