



What if my child refuses to go to school?

- Work with school personnel to develop a plan to improve your child's attendance. This may include supports in the community as well as at the school level.
- Practice positive parenting. Have consistent rules and routines. Talk with your child about the things they are learning and favorite parts of the day.
- Have consequences for not attending school. Allowing the child to play outside, play video games or play outside when they didn't attend school sends a message to the child that it's okay to be absent.



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ELEMENTARY ATTENDANCE COUNTS!



A family guide to improving school attendance!



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10 Things Parents Can Do to Prevent School Attendance Problems from Developing

1. Set a regular bedtime. Make sure your child gets between 8-10 hours of sleep per night.

2. Prepare for school the night before. Sign papers and place them in bookbags. Have bags, homework and lunches in a set spot each night. Set out clean clothes for the morning.

3. Know your child's bus pick up time and have them there at least 10 minutes before.

4. Be involved at school. Attend conferences, volunteer, read the newsletters and check the bookbag. Talk with your child daily about the good parts of school.

5. Inform the school of any change of address, cell or home telephone numbers. Keep the school aware of any changes in emergency contacts.

6. Read with children daily. Ask the child questions about what they read.



7. Communicate with your child's doctor about how much time your child is missing from school if they are frequently ill. Work with the school nurse to have a medical plan in place if there are chronic health issues.

8. Ask for help if you are concerned about your child's behavior at home. There are numerous services for families in the schools and community that school personnel can link you up with.



9. Monitor and limit the amount of time your child spends on the internet, watching tv and playing video games. Discuss internet safety concerns such as cyber0bullying, harassment, giving out personal information or meeting people they have met online.

10. Be a good role model. Regular family meals, daily routines set the example of hard work and personal responsibility.

New Attendance Policy Highlights!

- You must send an absence note within 3 school days from your child's return to school.
- Following the 3rd unlawful absence, the district will coordinate a school, family conference and write a Truancy Elimination Plan (TEP).
- At the 4th unlawful absence, a criminal complaint will be lodged with the district court.
- A doctor's note will be required for each absence over 15 days.
- Students will be charged with one unlawful day after 406 tardy minutes are accumulated.
- All trips must be put in writing to the principal on the approved district form and submitted 2 weeks prior to the trip.
- Educational trips may not exceed 5 days per school year.
- If a student is absent on an unapproved trip for more than 10 days, they will be dis-enrolled.