



### **Why is school attendance important?**

The attendance rate is important because students are more likely to succeed in academics when they attend school consistently. It's difficult for the teacher and the class to build their skills and progress if a large number of students are frequently absent.-Greatschools.org

### **The following ARE valid excuses for absences:**

- Participation in a district or school activity or instructional program.
- Illness, health condition or medical appointment (including, but not limited to, medical, counseling, dental or optometry).
- Family emergency, including, but not limited to, a death or illness in the family.
- Religious or cultural purpose including observance of a religious or cultural holiday or participation in religious or cultural instruction.
- Court or judicial proceedings.

### **Excused Absence Procedure:**

- After 5 excused absences in a month or 10 excused absences in a year, a meeting needs to be scheduled with parents to identify barriers to school attendance.
- If a student arrives to school after 9:30 am, it is considered a morning absence and if a student leaves school prior to 2:00 pm, it is considered an afternoon absence.