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While attendance at schools may be hard to maintain throughout the year, during the cold, winter months, attendance rates drop even more than usual. There seem to be even more barriers to getting to school on time in the winter such as the weather, holiday plans, and sickness. However, even during the winter months, active learning and instruction is still happening in classrooms, and it is important for students to be present at school. Here are some tips on how to keep up good attendance even in the upcoming, winter months.

Do your best to keep your child healthy. Dress your child warmly in the cold weather, and encourage your child to wash their hands regularly. Hand-washing is a huge preventative measure against illness. The healthier students remain, the less school they'll have to miss due to illness! Learn how sick is too sick to send your child to school. Certain symptoms, such as fever, are reasons to keep your child at home.

However, not every symptom is a reason to keep your child at home. Plan vacations and holidays on school-issued days off. Remember, even one or two missed days of school a month add up quickly and can set your child back on the academic material that is being taught in school. Ensure that your child goes to bed at a reasonable time. Prioritize a way for your child to participate but also go to bed at a reasonable time so that they can make it to school on time the next day. This way, your student won't miss valuable learning time and be able to stay focused at school. Try to make it a priority for your child to be on time to school—alert and ready to learn each day. It takes a joint effort to fight for regular attendance for all students—let's work together towards consistent attendance this winter season! Please remember you can use our new email to send in your child's excuses! attend.ecps@elbert.k12.ga

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Classroom Guidance Lessons

January - Perseverance

February - Honesty

March - Cooperation

Group Lessons

Spring - Responsibility