



Attendance Matters



01 Requirements

According to Texas state law and Board policy, a student is required to be in attendance at least 90% of the days school or classes are offered. If a student misses more than 10% or approximately 18 days of school, they must make up class time or they will not earn credit for the class or a final grade. If the class is a semester long, the number is reduced to, on average, 8 days of missed school.

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02 Why does it matter?



- A student with Good Attendance (7 or fewer absences per school year) generally achieves higher grades and enjoys school more. Your child will make the most of their educational opportunities and feel more connected to their school.
- Student's with Average Attendance (8-12 absences per school year) generally miss a year's worth of school before their senior year. Your child will need to spend extra time catching up on school work to avoid underachieving.
- A student with Chronic Absences (15 or more absences per year) loses opportunities to gain basic social and academic skills that are critical to ongoing academic success. These students are at-risk for eventually dropping out of school.
- Middle and high school students who are chronically absent have difficulty performing on grade level in reading and math.

03 What can parents do?

- Pay attention to the phone calls and emails that Friendswood ISD sends to you every time your child is absent. You will only receive these calls/emails when your child has been marked absent (this includes parts of day absences). Contact the school immediately if you believe there is an error with your child's attendance.
- Schedule appointments before or after school, or when school is not in session ([link to calendar](#)). When appointments must be made during the school day, schedule the appointments to allow your child to attend a part of the school day. We are not able to excuse absences for a student when the appointment is for a parent or sibling.
- Check Skyward often for up to date information about your child's grades and attendance. You will receive a Skyward notification if your child exceeds 5 or 7 absences in any one class period.
- Doctor's notes and parent notes MUST be submitted within 3 days of the student returning to school and can be emailed to attend.fhs@fisdk12.net.

Attendance matters-attend today, achieve tomorrow!

