



South River Public Schools All About Attendance

What To Do If Your Child Will Be Absent

- Parents/guardians must call the school each day their child is absent and explain the reason.
- If no call is received, the school will contact you; if you're unreachable, a District Truant Officer may visit your home.
- When your child returns to school, a written note or official document is required for the absence to be excused. The note must include the date, student's name and grade, reason for absence, and a parent/guardian or doctor's signature.
- Unexcused absences may lead to an attendance plan or investigation.

Why Attendance Matters

- Keeps students connected to friends and teachers.
- Improves reading, math, and overall learning.
- Sets a strong foundation for future grades and graduation.

What is Chronic Absenteeism?

- Missing **just 2 days a month** adds up to **18+ days a year** — that's enough to put your child at risk of falling behind.
- Chronic absenteeism = **missing 10% or more of the school year**, regardless of the reason.

How Families Can Help?

- Stick to regular bedtime and morning routines.
- Avoid scheduling appointments during school hours.
- Only keep your child home when truly sick.
- Communicate with your child's teacher or the school if you're facing challenges.

Need Support?

We're here to help! Contact climateandculture@srivernj.org for resources or support.