



DID YOU KNOW?

Your child can suffer academically if they miss 10% (about 18 days) of school. That can be just two days a month, and that can happen before you know it.

It doesn't matter if these absences are excused or unexcused. They all represent lost time in the classroom and a lost opportunity for your child to learn.

Attendance matters as early as kindergarten. Studies show that children who miss too many days in kindergarten and first grade have trouble mastering reading.

Attendance is an important skill that will help your child graduate and do well in college and/or work.

Unexcused tardies are not converted to unexcused absences. Tardies are a disciplinary issue that is addressed by the CFISD Code of Conduct.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

For younger children, set a regular bedtime and morning routine. Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.

For older children, you can set up homework and bedtime routines. Make sure that when the lights go out, so do the cell phones, video games, computers and other devices.

Try not to schedule medical and dental appointments during the school day. If necessary, schedule appointments after 10:30 a.m. and bring back an excuse note from the healthcare provider.

Avoid keeping children at home unless they are too sick to participate. In general, children with fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or a contagious illness should stay home and not come to school until symptom-free for at least 24 hours unless directed otherwise by a healthcare provider / school nurse.

Set an example for your child. Show them that attendance matters to you and that you won't allow an absence unless absolutely necessary.

In CFISD, learning takes place all day —every day. If your child claims otherwise, please take a moment to contact the campus principal or counselor.

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YOU MISS OUT.**

