



Parent FAQs: School Attendance

Q: Why is regular school attendance important?

A: Students who attend regularly are more likely to succeed academically, build strong social skills, and develop positive habits that last a lifetime. Missing school—even a few days—can cause students to fall behind.

Q: What counts as an excused absence?

A: Excused absences typically include: *Parent Excuses can only cover 10 days for the school year.*

- Illness or medical appointments
 - Family emergencies
 - Religious observance
 - Court appearances-excuse from the court.
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Q: What is considered excessive absenteeism?

A: Missing 10% or more of the school year (about 18 days) is considered chronic absenteeism, whether absences are excused or unexcused.

Q: What if my child is anxious or refuses to go to school?

A: Contact your school counselor or social worker. Schools can offer support through counseling, mentoring, and small group interventions.

Q: My child seems healthy but says they're tired. Should they stay home?

A: Occasional tiredness is normal and often improved by keeping a regular routine. Unless they are sick or showing symptoms of illness, **it's best to send them to school.**



Q: What can I do to improve my child's attendance?

A:

- Set regular bedtimes and morning routines
 - Plan appointments outside school hours
 - Keep track of absences
 - Communicate with teachers and staff
 - Stay involved and encourage your child to see the value of school
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Q: Are there consequences for poor attendance?

A: Yes. Poor attendance can lead to:

- Academic failure
 - Loss of course credit (in some grades)
 - Referral to the attendance officer or school social worker
 - Legal consequences in extreme cases
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Q: What if we're having transportation, health, or family challenges?

A: Let the school know! There may be support available such as bus services, counseling, or community referrals to help keep your child in school.