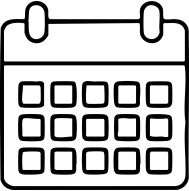




Attendance Policy

Why It Matters in Middle School

Students with strong attendance are more likely to succeed academically and build habits for high school and beyond. Every period, every day, matters.

	Attendance Policy Overview • Attend school as often as possible. Absences add up! • On time for every class, every day. Classes begin daily at 8:00 a.m.
	Types of Absences • Excused: Illness, medical appointment, verified emergency. • Unexcused: Skipping class, family trips, missed bus without valid reason. • Tardy: Late to class without valid excuse. • Independent Study: (Minimum 3 consecutive days up to 14 cumulative school days per year) due to extended travel or absences, requested 5 school days in advance.
	When to Stay Home • Fever (100.4+), vomiting, diarrhea. • Confirmed contagious disease. • Otherwise, please send your student to school.
	Report Absences • Call: Elvia Romero 951-788-7388 x56151 • ParentSquare: message Elvia Romero • Report an Absence Form: bit.ly/UHMS-absence • Schedule vacations and appointments outside school hours whenever possible.
	If Absences Add Up • 3 unexcused absences: Family contact + student conference. • 6 unexcused absences: Attendance intervention meeting. • 9+ unexcused absences: May include district support or referral to attendance board.
	We Can Help! • Support with routines, transportation, physical & mental health. • Regular incentives and check-ins to help build great attendance habits. • Weekly/monthly school recognition of good/improved attendance. • RUSD Family Resource Center, (951) 328-4003

Questions or Concerns?

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