Pine Grove Area High School

Promoting, Growth, Achievement, Success, and Direction for ALL Children!

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Pine Grove Area School District recognizes that attendance is a vital component to success in education. We wish to take this opportunity to share important information in regards to the attendance policies and procedures and to make this school year a positive one for all of our students and families.

All students are now required to attend school no later than age 6 **until age 18** or graduation, whichever occurs sooner.

As a reminder, when your child is absent from school, please send a note stating your child's name, date of absence, reason for absence and a parent/guardian signature. Excuse notes are due in the office the day the student returns to school. If a note fails to be submitted within three days, the absence becomes unlawful. This is a violation of the Compulsory Attendance Law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and a violation of the Pine Grove Area School District's Attendance Policy.

Due to recent changes within the law and changes within the Truancy Policy from Schuylkill County, continued unlawful absences may result in a referral for your child and/or yourself to participate in a School Attendance Improvement Conference (SAIC), Student Attendance Improvement Program (SAIP), to participate in a Truancy Prevention Program, a citation to the Magistrate's office, and/or a referral to Schuylkill County Children and Youth.

Effective December 12, 2025, in accordance with Pennsylvania Act 47 and Section 1333(a)(2.1) of the Pennsylvania School Code, a child who is habitually truant may not transfer, during the school year, to a cyber charter school unless a judge determines that the transfer is in the best interest of the child.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 570-345-2731 Ext. 225. I thank you for your support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Kerri Clauser
Dean of Students/Attendance Officer