

Dear Parents/Guardians,

At Lehigh Area School District, one of our most significant priorities is ensuring all of our students arrive safely at school daily.

We are introducing a more efficient student absence reporting system called SafeArrival to enhance our absence-checking procedure. This new system will reduce the time it takes to verify student attendance, make it easy for you to report your child's absence, and make it easy for staff to respond to unexplained student absences.

With SafeArrival, you can report your child's absence ahead of time at any time of the day, 7 days of the week, 365 days of the year, using any of the following three ways (links also available on the district website):

1. [School Messenger Mobile Device](#)
2. [SafeArrival website](#)
3. [SafeArrival Phone Line](#)

If you would like more information on how to use these systems, we invite you to participate in the [virtual training](#) that will be held August 17, 2026, at 6:00 pm. A recording of the presentation will be made available on our website afterwards.

In addition, we will continue to use the SchoolMessenger Communicate automated notification system to contact parents whose child is absent when the absence was **not** reported in advance. The automated notification system will attempt to contact parents at multiple contact points until a reason is submitted for the absence.

You will **not** receive notifications if you report your child's absence in advance using the SafeArrival toll-free number, website, or mobile app. Therefore, we strongly recommend using the new system.

Starting **August 24, 2026**, please report absences in advance using SafeArrival instead of sending notes or calling or emailing the school.

Also starting August 24, 2026, the district will use the SafeArrival notifications to let you know if your student is absent when you have not reported the absence in advance.

If you have children attending other schools, please continue to report absences using the existing procedures for those schools.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we implement this new system.

LASD Administration