Attendance IMPACTS

School attendance provides opportunities for social & emotional growth.

School attendance gives students the opportunity to develop positive relationships with others through social experiences and lessons.

Learning builds day by day. A child who misses a day of school misses a day of learning.

Attendance gaps lead to achievement gaps.

By 6th grade, high absenteeism is one of the signs that a student may drop out of high school.

When is your child too sick for school?

- Fever over 100
- Vomiting or diarrhea

After 10 days of absences (not including illness already excused by medical or professional notes), a doctor's note will be required for additional absences.

School Attendance Improvement Plan

If your child misses 6 unexcused days, a School Attendance Improvement Plan (SAIP) meeting will be scheduled. You will be invited to meet with the school team to discuss and look at supports to help increase school attendance. We value your input and ideas to help your child succeed!

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Regular school attendance is directly related to success in academic work, benefits students socially, provides opportunities for communication between teachers and students, and establishes habits to help students both now and in the future.

Attendance Policies & Procedures

You have three (3) days to turn in an attendance note stating the date of absence and the reason needed for it to be considered excused. You may either:

Turn in a doctor's note or handwritten parent note to the building office,

or e-mail the building attendance e-mail address listed on this brochure.

A phone call is not sufficient for the absence to be excused.

If your child **already had** an attendance meeting and subsequently has 2 additional unexcused absences, the social worker will reach out and offer supports. A truancy citation may be filed with the District Magistrate if your student continues to miss school.

Please note: If a student misses a total of **10 consecutive unexcused days**, the district may unenroll the student.

Please see Hempfield Board Policy #204 for further details

Building Contacts

High School:
buchanan_attendance@hempfieldsd.org
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Save these attendance e-mails in your contacts!

Middle Schools:
CMS_attendance@hempfieldsd.org
LMS_attendance@hempfieldsd.org

Elementary Schools:
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EPES_attendance@hempfieldsd.org
FES_attendance@hempfieldsd.org
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Other Programs:
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Reasons Absences will be Excused

- Illness/Surgery/Medical Appointment
- Death in the family
- Quarantine
- Court appearance
- Physical incapacity
- Observance of religious holidays/events
- Special events arranged in advance

Anticipated Trips & Event Absences

If your student will be absent for a pre-planned trip or event, please submit a **Pre-Approved Absence Form,** which can be found in building offices or on the district website.

This form should be handed in at least one week before the event/trip. You will then be notified of approved or unapproved dates. Forms will not be accepted after the absence, and the dates will remain unexcused.

Parents can write up to 10 excuse notes per year. Trip/event absences are included in those 10 days.