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MCSD Celebrates Attendance Awareness Month: Every Day Matters

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COLUMBUS, GA - The Muscogee County School District (MCSD) is joining schools and communities across the nation in recognizing **September as Attendance Awareness Month**, reinforcing the importance of regular school attendance and its impact on student achievement and success.

This year, MCSD schools will celebrate Attendance Awareness Month through school-based activities, student and family engagement, attendance incentives, and other initiatives designed to encourage students to **show up, stay engaged, and make every school day count**.

Regular attendance is essential to academic success. When students miss school frequently, they can fall behind academically, miss valuable classroom instruction, and lose important opportunities to connect with teachers and classmates.

What is Chronic Absenteeism?

Chronic absenteeism is generally defined as missing 10% or more of the school year for any reason, including excused absences, unexcused absences, and suspensions. In a traditional 180-day school year, that equals approximately **18 days of school**.

Missing just **two days per month** can add up to chronic absenteeism over the course of a school year.

Attendance is a shared responsibility. MCSD encourages families to establish consistent routines, schedule appointments outside of school hours when possible, communicate with schools when challenges arise, and seek assistance when barriers make regular attendance difficult.

Throughout September, schools across the District will highlight the importance of attendance while celebrating students and families who make being present and ready to learn a priority.

Every day in school is an opportunity to learn, grow, connect, and succeed.

For additional information about attendance requirements, resources, or support, families are encouraged to contact their child's school.

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About Muscogee County School District

The Muscogee County School District is committed to providing an education that inspires and equips students to reach their full potential and become productive citizens in a global society. Focusing on excellence, equity, and innovation, the district serves a diverse student population, fostering academic success, personal growth, and community engagement.

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