

Daily Attendance

Consistent ON TIME Arrival and Attendance are critical to the success of your child's education, experience, and performance in school.

Tardiness

Tardiness is disruptive to all classrooms, teachers, and staff.
School Bus transportation is the preferred option to get students to school on time.

Absence

If your child is going to be absent,
CALL the Main Office (508) 696-7738 X400, preferably by 8:10 AM

Attendance

School attendance is a legal requirement in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. More importantly however, daily attendance in school is crucial for successful academic performance. Without classroom instruction and clarification, homework assignments can be significantly more difficult and frustrating. Make-up assignments do little to reinforce skills and almost nothing to prepare the student for the next day's lesson. Punctual daily attendance is crucial for a student's overall development.

Absences can be excused for the following reasons: illness, bereavement, religious holiday, family emergency, or other exceptional reason with approval from the school principal. All other absences are considered unexcused absences.

Parents or guardians will provide an explanation in writing or by e-mail for the absence and tardiness of a child. This will be required in advance for types of absences where advance notice is possible.

Parents will be notified if their child has an unexcused absence from school. If a student has 5 or more unexcused absences, parents will need to meet with school personnel to create an action plan to improve student attendance.

Students who take vacations during scheduled school days are still responsible for maintaining academic progress. Parents must contact the classroom teacher or teachers in advance of special absences.

Extended vacations may require temporary 'Home Schooling' status. Parents must contact the principal or guidance counselor in advance of extended absences.

Please avoid unnecessary absences during state required testing in April and May.

Upper level students experience school as a social environment. Daily interaction with the peer group is important. On a day that students are absent or tardy, they will not be allowed to participate in school events or extracurricular activities.

Dismissal

If you need to have your child Dismissed, please

CALL the Main Office (508) 696-7738 X400

Please call the Office well in advance of your child's dismissal time to allow us time to find your child, gather their things and walk up to the Office to leave.

Dismissal of Student to Anyone Other Than Parent

Students will not be dismissed to anyone except a parent/guardian, without prior notice.

Please email lschoenherr@mvyps.org and **CALL the Main Office (508) 696-7738 X400**