

Welcome back!

Our goal with this regular newsletter is simple: to keep you informed, share timely school updates, and partner with you to support your child's success every step of the way.

We're so excited to get this school year rolling and see everyone back in our classrooms. As we jump into the year, we want to share a quick, honest note about why being here **every day counts** so much.

School isn't just about tests and grades—it's where your kids build friendships, learn how to navigate real-world challenges, and connect with adults who care about them. We genuinely view our families as partners in this work, and keeping lines of communication open helps us all set our students up for a great year.

To help keep our records straight, here is a quick look at how our attendance coding works behind the scenes:

- Excused Absences (**AE**) cover specific qualifying situations:
 - illness,
 - medical or dental appointment,
 - court,
 - death in the family,
 - funerals,
 - interviews for college,
 - vocational school or military
 - ISS/suspension
 - late bus/severe weather
- Unexcused Absences (**AU**), on the other hand, are logged whenever a student misses class without a qualifying district reason, for personal activities, or if we don't get an explanation from home.

One easy way to keep things clear: if your student has a medical, dental, or therapy appointment during the school day, please ask the clinic for a note and turn it into the main office.

We also need your help with a couple of common scenarios we run into every year:

→ Please avoid calling your student out for personal errands, non-school activities, or scheduling appointments that aren't necessary during class time.

→ Learning doesn't stop just because a sub is in the room—our guest teachers lead active lessons, group work, and assignments. Pulling a student out on sub days or for personal errands sets them back academically.

We know life happens and schedules get chaotic. If your family is facing hurdles with attendance or getting to school on time, please reach out to our team or the front office. We're always here to help you work through it.

In the spirit of collaboration, Wright County Attorney Brian Lutes asked us to share his [welcome-back letter](#) regarding attendance. [Spanish Version](#)

Thanks for partnering with us to make **every day count!**

If you would like to provide feedback, please [click here](#).