



ATTENDANCE MATTERS



WESLACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY



DID YOU KNOW?



YOUR CHILD CAN SUFFER ACADEMICALLY

If they miss 10 percent (about 18 days) of school. That can be just two days a month, and that can happen before you know it.



IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THESE ABSENCES ARE EXCUSED OR UNEXCUSED.

They all represent lost time in the classroom and a lost opportunity for your child to learn.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS AS EARLY AS KINDERGARTEN.

Studies show that children who miss too many days in Kindergarten and first grade have trouble mastering reading.



ATTENDANCE IS AN IMPORTANT SKILL THAT WILL HELP YOUR CHILD GRADUATE

and do well in college or work.



UNEXCUSED TARDIES ARE NOT CONVERTED TO UNEXCUSED ABSENCES.

Tardies are a disciplinary issue.



WHAT CAN YOU DO?



FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN, SET A REGULAR BEDTIME AND MORNING ROUTINE.

Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.



FOR OLDER CHILDREN, YOU CAN SET UP HOMEWORK AND BEDTIME ROUTINES.

Make sure that when the lights go out, so do the cell phones, video games and computers.



TRY NOT TO SCHEDULE MEDICAL AND DENTAL APPOINTMENTS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.

If necessary, schedule appointments after 10:00 a.m. and bring back an excuse.



DON'T LET YOUR CHILD STAY HOME UNLESS THEY ARE TRULY SICK.

If your child does not want to go to school because of bullying or problems with other students, staying home may be worse for their self-esteem.



SET AN EXAMPLE FOR YOUR CHILD.

Who you are and what you do matters. Let them see that attendance is important to you and that you won't allow an absence unless absolutely necessary.



AT WESLACO ISD, LEARNING IS TAKING PLACE ALL DAY, EVERY DAY.

If you have questions or concerns, call the campus principal or counselors immediately.