ATTENDANCE at South Academy of International Languages

S.A.I.L is asking parents to partner with us in stressing to your child(ren) the importance of attending school regularly and arriving on time, every day. Joint S.A.I.L. / N.A.W.L. Attendance Video: **CLICK HERE**

What to do when a child is absent:

1. If your child is absent, you'll receive a ParentSquare notification that same day. Simply respond to the notification within 24 hours to submit your attendance note, or email your note to attendance.sail@cms.k12.nc.us.
2. If you miss the notification, you may send your attendance note to attendance.sail@cms.k12.nc.us.
3. If your child is out due to illness for three or more consecutive days, a doctor's note is required for the absence to be excused. The note may be sent to school with your student or emailed to attendance.sail@cms.k12.nc.us

For additional information about attendance requirements, excused absences, and attendance law, please visit the CMS Attendance Information webpage.

What about Requesting an Absence for a valid educational opportunities:

Educational Opportunities that Will Be Considered for an Approved Absence Include:

1. A visit to a country where the student's target language is the primary language.
2. Student participation in a significant sports tournament, music/arts performance, or activity organized by an outside agency.
3. Participation in a cultural ceremony (ceremonies connected with observed religious holidays are excused).

Absence approval will take into account a student's academic record and participation in other school-related overnight trips/exchanges. A maximum of five excused educational opportunity absences may be granted in one academic year. Excused absences will not be granted if the total number of consecutive days absent is ten or more. A Request for Absence for Valid Educational Opportunity Form must be submitted to the Front Office no less than five school days prior to the start of the absence: Form - English / Form - Spanish

Excused Absences Include:

- Illness of student
- Death in immediate family
- Quarantine
- Approved educational opportunities
- Medically fragile (Doctor's note or statement required)
- Medical appointment
- Court or administrative proceedings
- Homelessness or lack of transportation
- Observation of Religious Holidays
- Deployment activities

What happens if a student's absence is not submitted or not excused?

If the school is not contacted, state law and school board policy require the school to call the parent or guardian to confirm the child's absence. Missing school unexcused for ten days or more will result in a student's magnet being revoked. This will require the student to re-enroll in their local community CMS school.

What should be done about missed work?

Assignments missed during the absence are the student's responsibility to complete. Excused absences allow work to be made up; however, teachers cannot be expected to provide make-up tutoring. Please remember to thank teachers who often go above-and-beyond to ensure a student is fully caught up after missing school.