

Everybody matters, Everyday!!!!

School Matters!



Did you know?

- * An absence is an absence...any time a student misses school, it can affect student performance.
- * Good attendance is directly related to academic achievement.
- * Communities who set an expectation of regular school attendance see better outcomes for their children and youth.
- * Chronic absences (missing 10% of school days) in kindergarten is associated with lower academic performance in 1st grade.
- * In some districts, as many as one in four students in the primary grades are missing too much school time.
- * Nationally, one in ten kindergarten and 1st grade students miss a month of more of school each year.
- * It's important to address the problem in early grades before a student heads off track academically and bad attendance habits become entrenched.
- * By 6th grade chronic absences increase the risk of a student dropping out.

It takes us all...

School

- * In order for students to be at school and successful, school staff will work to develop positive relationships with students and families.
- * Good communication with students, families, and within the school setting, are critical.
- * Accurate records of attendance are key to student safety and increasing attendance rates.
- * Schools need to be supportive of students and families , addressing the barriers that get in the way of consistent student attendance.
- * Provide early intervention and support for students and families who are having difficulty with attendance.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

- * Aside from qualifying illnesses and emergencies, please make sure your child attends school each and every day.
- * Ensure that your child is getting enough sleep at night and eating well-balanced meals.
- * When at all possible, avoid tardies and early check-outs, as students miss crucial parts of their academic day.
- * Communicate with the school regularly regarding student illnesses or family emergencies.
- * Please make arrangements with the teacher to collect essential make-up work.
- * Do not hesitate to contact the school for help when barriers arise that prevent regular attendance. We are here to help.

Students

- * Attend school each day.
- * Show up for class on time and ready to learn.
- * In the event a school day is missed, make sure to check with your teacher to complete any and all make-up work.

* Let your parent(s)/guardian(s) know immediately if something is occurring at school which is causing you distress.

* See Mrs. Hemingway, your school counselor, if you have any school or home situations you'd like to talk about. She is here to help.

* Work to become independent at getting to bed, getting up, making good food choices, and getting to school on time.

**Together we CAN increase attendance in
our schools!!!! Everybody matters,
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