



Attendance Awareness

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we are nearing the end of our first semester of learning for the 2020-2021 school year. Many things are still uncertain and we are all trying to adapt to our new normal. With that being said, the student support services team wanted to offer support on ways to ensure your child is being counted for attendance.

First, make sure you have your child's schedule for each day available and visible. It is vital that your child shows up for classes as this is where they will receive all of their instruction. We are aware of potential complications to attending on occasions, but make sure you are still completing work.

Second, please ensure you are signed up and regularly checking the parent portal for your student's grades and attendance. This will allow you to be more readily informed on your child's progress prior to receiving a progress report or report card.

Third, know how to contact your child's teacher. Having your child's teachers name, email, and the school number is important information to have to ensure continued communication is maintained for your child. Additionally, signing up with your child's teacher's other forms of contact, such as Dojo could be helpful.

Remember, students learn better when they are engaged, empowered, and encouraged in and out of the classroom. As parents, we do this best when we are informed. Please use this checklist below as a guide to staying informed and advocating for your student.

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DO YOU KNOW?

STUDENT SCHEDULE

- REMOTE
- FACE TO FACE
- HYBRID

PARENT-TEACHER COMMUNICATION TOOLS

- PARENT PORTAL
- GOOGLE CLASSROOM, CLASS DOJO, ETC.
- TEACHER EMAIL & PHONE NUMBER
- IS YOUR INFORMATION UP TO DATE?

CLASSROOM CODES

- CORE CLASSES
- SPECIALS/ELECTIVES

BUS/CAR RIDER INFORMATION

- BUS NUMBER, TIMES FOR PICK-UP/DROP OFF, AND LOCATION
- CAR RIDER DROP OFF & PICK UP TIMES

MEDICAL INFORMATION

- Make sure the school nurse has all medical information that may impact attendance

YOU CAN DO!

CREATE A DAYTIME & NIGHTTIME ROUTINE

- YOUNGER KIDS DON'T NECESSARILY KNOW TIME BUT THEY UNDERSTAND PATTERNS. STUDENT ATTENDANCE BECOMES A NATURAL HABIT THE MORE OFTEN THEY ATTEND

HAVE A HOMEWORK SYSTEM

- CHECK HOMEWORK DAILY AND/OR ASSIGNMENTS. KIDS FEEL MORE CONFIDENT IN ATTENDING SCHOOL WHEN THEY FEEL LIKE THEY ARE PREPARED

PLAN MEALS

- CHILDREN LEARN BETTER WHEN THEIR TUMMIES ARE FULL. CURRENTLY ALL SCHOOLS PROVIDE FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH!

COMMUNICATE WITH SCHOOL PERSONNEL

- KIDS ARE MORE LIKELY TO WANT TO COME TO SCHOOL WHEN THEY KNOW YOU ARE INVOLVED AND HAVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEIR TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT STAFF.

ASK FOR HELP & GIVE YOURSELF GRACE

- YOUR PRESENCE MATTERS MORE THAN YOUR PERFECTION! WHEN THINGS SEEM OUT OF CONTROL SPEAK UP, SPEAK OUT AND ASK FOR HELP!