



## **The Importance of Regular School Attendance**

It is a fact that students who attend school regularly learn more and are more successful in school than those who do not. Regular attendance is critically important because students who miss school, miss out on carefully planned instruction. They miss active learning experiences and class participation. As a result, they are likely to fall behind, and are more likely to drop out.

### **Tips for Good Attendance**

1. Set a regular bedtime (7:00pm for grades Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8:00 for grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>).
2. Make a morning routine chart.
3. Lay out all belongings for schools the night before; backpack, homework, clothes picked out
4. All children to stay home only if they have a fever (higher than 99.6°), diarrhea, or are vomiting.
5. If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk with teachers/counselors for advice on how to make school comfortable.
6. Avoid medical appointments and extended trips while school is in session.
7. Please bring in doctor's notes for appointments that occur during school hours.
8. Be on time. Breakfast is served from 7:50-8:10. School starts at 8:15.
9. Report all excused absences by calling school before 9:00am.
10. Make sure your child exercises, eats well, and gets plenty of rest.

**Questions or concerns? Please call our school counselors.**

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