



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Each year, the School District of La Crosse makes a special effort to ensure that all students fully benefit from their education by attending school regularly. Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Your student can start building this habit in elementary school so they learn that going to school on time, every day is important. Consistent attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) increases the chance that your student will not read or master math at the same level as their peers.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By being present at school, your child learns valuable social skills and has the opportunity to develop meaningful relationships with other students and school staff.
- By 9th grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th-grade test scores.

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

We miss your student when they are gone and we value their contributions to our school. We would like you to help ensure that your student attends school regularly to maximize their educational opportunity. If your student is going to be absent, please contact Mandy Piper or Britney Zeimentz at 789-7690.

OUR PROMISE TO YOU

We know that there are a wide variety of reasons that students are absent from school, from health concerns to transportation challenges. There are many people in our building prepared to help if you or your student face challenges in getting to school regularly or on time. Mrs. Rachel Hying, Mr. Charlie Alexander, Mrs. Jen Towner, and myself, Mrs. Jac Lyga are all here to help with any challenges you or your child are facing regarding school attendance. We promise to track attendance daily, to notice when your student is missing from class, communicate with you to understand why they were absent, and work collaboratively to identify barriers and provide supports to overcome challenges you may face in helping your student attend school.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jac Lyga

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State Road Principal