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Attendance

Daily attendance is one of the biggest predictors of future success. We look forward to seeing each of our students every day: *On Time, In Uniform, and Ready to Learn.*

Just a friendly reminder, below is a description from the District about attendance requirements for students in grades K-12:

no student may receive course credit for a full year course after having been absent (includes excused and unexcused absences) from that course more than twenty (20) class periods during the school year. **Restoration of credit and/or promotion will be based on an appeal. Promotion or graduation will be in jeopardy if your child should go over the 20 day limit.**

Please remember that the 20 day limit includes excused and unexcused absences.

Tips to Help Improve Attendance:

- Let Children Know that Good Attendance Is Important: Let your child know that you think attending school daily is important. Show them you are interested in their school activities and tell them that you want them to do well in school.
- Good attendance habits start at an early age. Make sure your child goes to school regularly and on time. This helps them develop a positive view of school and the importance of attendance.
- Take an interest in your child's school work. Check homework for accuracy and completeness. Post the school calendar and notes on the refrigerator, or other prominent location to highlight school activities and important student information.
- Do not provide inappropriate excuses for your child to miss school. Do not let them take time off from school for minor ailments – particularly those which would not prevent you from going to work. Don't expect or let older children stay home from school to babysit for younger siblings.
- Make a contract with your child to improve his/her attendance. Reward positive improvements.

Adapted from <https://sacscip.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/Attendance-Tips-For-Parents.pdf>