



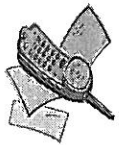
Attendance

We believe that daily attendance is critical to success in school. It serves to foster responsible work habits that will generalize to other school and work situations in later life. It is our belief that we can only achieve excellence in academics and maximize the learning process when the students are in school.

The only legal reasons for absence, recognized by state laws, are as follows:

1. Personal illness
2. Critical illness or death in the immediate family
3. Extremely bad weather
4. Impassable roads
5. Recognized religious holidays
6. Required attendance in court
7. Quarantine
8. Attendance at health clinics and medical appointments. We encourage these appointments to be scheduled after school hours.

Any other reason given for absence from school will be considered an illegal absence.



Reporting Absences

Please report your child's absence from school, by contacting the school nurse, at 855-4652. If your child's name appears on the absence list, you may receive a phone call from the school nurse inquiring about the child's absence.

When your child returns to school after an absence, state law requires that the parent or guardian send a signed written explanation stating the reason for the absence and the date of absence. Children absent for more than four days must report to the nurse upon re-entering school with their note.



Reporting Late Arrival/Early Departure

Late arrivals and early departures represent a loss of instructional time. As such, signed written explanations for these instances are also required.