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Public School 71/Preparatory Academy at 71
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Parent Letter # 9 Student Attendance

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Dear P.S./M.S. 71 Families,

Every instructional day counts and provides an opportunity for students to participate in learning activities that are essential to their academic success. Teachers have planned schedules, lessons, and programs that students need to be present for in order to maximize instruction, despite their learning preference.

Please ensure that your child participates in teaching and learning daily whether they are in person, blended, or 100% remote. Our curriculum is rigorous and challenging and we have high expectations for all students. Students who are frequently absent or late are missing valuable instructional time and missing opportunities to master the skills and content necessary for promotion to the next grade level. Making sure that your child attends school in person, via blended learning sessions, or remote learning is one of the most effective ways to promote student success. Let's work together to teach our children valuable life lessons and prepare them for future responsibilities- the importance of good work and study habits, punctuality, and attendance.

NYC DOE Attendance Policy

Remote:

Student is virtually present in a virtual learning environment for synchronous instruction during the scheduled school day. This may include being present for an academic course, specials or SEL period.

In Person:

Student is physically present in the classroom/school-learning environment for instruction during the scheduled school day. Please note, if your child is supposed to be in school and stays home they will be marked absent by the teacher, even if they participate in remote learning. It is great that we can provide students who are feeling ill the opportunity to join the class remotely and submit assignments, however, we must indicate that the child was not physically in school on their assigned cohort day.

100% Blended & Remote Students:

Teachers will make every effort to deliver synchronous instruction to students, but if a school has not scheduled synchronous instruction for a student or a group of students on a scheduled school day, teachers will schedule a check in with the student to be marked present.

If synchronous instruction and a check-in are not possible for a student or groups of students on a scheduled school day, teachers will assign and check the completion of an online academic assignment within the scheduled day for the student to be marked present.

For grades 7 and 8, each content area teacher will monitor their students and take attendance each period. If a student does not attend synchronous instruction for more than 3 core subjects, ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies, he or she will be officially absent for the day.

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/school-environment/attendance>

Sincerely,

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Every Child, Every Classroom, Every Day