

Attendance

Regular attendance and punctuality are important to each child. Good attendance habits formed in these years are essential to steady academic progress and will prove invaluable all through life.

When a child is absent the parent is required to call school before 9:30 a.m. at 237-0800 ext. 3324.

The only legal excuses for absence or tardiness allows under the New York State Education Law are:

1. Sickness
2. Sickness or death in the family
3. Religious observance
4. Approved school supervised trips
5. Required presence in court
6. Doctor's appointment

Absences or tardiness for any other reason is considered illegal and will be entered on the student's permanent attendance record. Tardiness is considered after 9 a.m.

In the case of an absence or tardiness, a written excuse from the parent must be presented to the teacher on the same day the child returns to school. NY State law requires the written excuse explaining the absence from school, the date of the absence and the parent's signature.

Oversleeping, shopping, trips with parents and vacations are considered ILLEGAL. Family vacations should be planned to correspond with school recesses. Parents and students will assume responsibility for schoolwork missed during an illegal absence. Illegal absences reduce state aid to the district.