

Attendance Matters!

Please make an effort to get your child to school *on time every day*. When students are absent they miss out on learning. When they return, the students have to work harder to catch up. Teachers often have to disrupt current lessons to help them.

Why attendance matters...

Students who have regular attendance:

- Tend to have better grades.
- Are less likely to have behavior problems in school.
- Are more likely to graduate.
- Are more likely to get a better job when they grow up.

To help your child develop good attendance habits:

- Talk to him or her about the importance of attending school regularly.
- Make sure there is no specific reason for wanting to stay home. If there is a reason, help your child find a solution in collaboration with the teacher, counselor or administrator.
- Set a good example. Your child takes cues about responsibility from you, so make sure you are sending the right message,
- Get organized. Help your child assemble everything he or she needs the night before – to include homework, backpack, school clothes and lunch.
- Enforce a bedtime. Overtired kids are tough to rouse in the morning.

Sounds good, but

- Doctor or dentist appointment. Try to schedule after school or on week-ends if possible.
- Family vacation. Use school breaks.

Good reasons to miss school:

- Death in the family. However, getting your child back into the regular routine of school help the child transition through the grieving process.
- Family emergency. The counselors at Chancellor Elementary are here to support you and help you obtain the assistance you need.
- When the child is truly sick. Although students have a responsibility to attend school every day, they also have the responsibility to not make other students sick.