

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

- School attendance is compulsory in the state of Colorado and parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children. The only acceptable excuses are illness, emergency situations, or when approved by the principal prior to the absence.
- Regular school attendance is essential for each student to benefit fully from the instructional program. A student's learning is based upon a step-by-step sequence, so daily attendance is important; no amount of make-up work is a substitute for regular attendance. Students will have one day to make up work for each day they are absent. However, please remember that excessive absences may result in lower grades.
- We would appreciate the cooperation of parents in calling the attendance line at **328-3312** on the day of a student's absence. This line is operational 24 hours a day. In every case, a child's absence **must be justified with an excuse from the parent or guardian either in writing or by calling the attendance line** stating the reason and date(s). If the school is not notified, your child will be considered UNEXCUSED.
  - *4 unexcused absences in any month or 10 in a school year are considered a violation of state mandatory attendance laws. Excessive absences will result in a call to parents from our attendance secretary or principal, a letter from the office expressing concern, an attendance contract, and possible attendance court dates.*
- All students at school will be expected to go outside for recess. Special arrangements need to be made for the very rare circumstances which would require a student to stay inside for health reasons. Please keep children at home if they have any symptoms of illness. This will assist in preventing the spread of infections and contagious diseases as well as help improve attendance in general.
- In order to prevent communicable disease at school the following guidelines have been developed. These should be used to help determine if you should send your child to school:
  1. Cold symptoms such as:
    - Runny nose, congestion or persistent coughing
  2. Temperature 100 degrees or over. Symptoms to watch for are flushed face, chills, pallor, and skin that feels warm to the touch. One or all symptoms might be present. If in doubt at all, take your child's temperature.
  3. Vomiting or Diarrhea – don't send a child to school who has had episodes of diarrhea or vomiting in the last 12 hours.
  4. Don't send a child to school who has a suspected or confirmed communicable disease:
    - ◆ A sore throat for longer than 2 days, especially if it is associated with swollen nodes or a rash.
    - ◆ Red, inflamed, swollen or discharging eyes.
    - ◆ Sores with drainage or other lesions, like impetigo, until under treatment.
    - ◆ A persistent rash that is not allergy related.
    - ◆ A child diagnosed with strep throat must stay home until 24 hours after treatment has been instituted.

### **TARDIES**

- It is also essential that students arrive on time each day, as important information is given each morning. Parents are responsible for seeing that students are punctual.
- A student is considered tardy when he/she enters the classroom after the school bell has rung. The student must report to the office in order to receive an admittance slip to class.
- In general, excessive tardiness will be monitored and could result in the same consequences as excessive absences. If a student has more than two tardies, excused or unexcused, he/she will not be considered for a perfect attendance award for the quarter.

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**(719) 328-3312**

**Accessible 24 hours a day!**

**7 days a week!**