

PANTHER NEWS



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| May 2 | Hot Dog Day Gr. 5 Heritage Fair & Gr. 4 Des Crosley Field Trip |
| May 6 | Bus Driver Appreciation Day & Hot Lunch - Pizza Lasagna |
| May 6 - 10 | Mental Health Week |
| May 8 | Elementary Pizza Day |
| May 9 | Jr/Sr Pizza Day |
| May 10 | Kindergarten Extra Friday (Tue/Thur) & Funky Hat Day |
| May 13 | Hot Lunch - Saucy BBQ Burgers & Parent Advisory Council |
| May 14 | Spring & Kinder Grad Photos (Tue/Thur) |
| May 15 | Kinder Grad Photos (Mon/Wed) |
| May 15 - 21 | Bentley School Quebec Trip |
| May 16 | Hot Dog Day |
| May 17 - 21 | No School for Students and Staff |
| May 23 | Popcorn Day |
| May 24 | Anything But a Backpack Day! Kindergarten Extra Friday (Mon/Wed) & Subway Day |
| May 27 - 30 | Used Book Sale |
| May 28 | Deadline to Register for Date Night on June 7 |
| May 29 | Booster Juice Day & Walk for Kids Sake |
| May 30 | Hot Dog Day & Walk for Kids Sake |
| May 31 | No School for Students |
| June 7 | Deadline to Order for the Elementary Track Meet BBQ Lunch |

May 2024

May 4

Sr. High Handball
Zones

May 7 & 9

Badminton
CWAJHAA

May 10 & 11

Sr High Handball
Provincials

May 23

Sr. High Areas
Track Meet

May 29

Sr. High Zones
Track Meet

May 30

Jr. High WC South
Track Meet

June 4

Jr High WC
Track Meet

June 21

Elementary Track &
Field Day

Walk for Kids Sake

Thanks to all the students who have signed up to fundraise for the Big Brothers Big Sisters Walk for Kids' Sake! All students will get to participate in the walk on May 29 & 30. Watch for pledge packages coming home in May for students who have signed up to fundraise for this important initiative and for a chance to win some great prizes! All funds raised support youth mentoring programs in our community. Extra pledge packages are available if students still want to sign up.

June Hot Lunch & Track BBQ Lunch

Due to exams and the large number of field trips and activities happening in June our hot lunch program does not run in June. There will be a special BBQ lunch for Track & Field Day on June 21 available to order via the PowerSchool and Online Payments parent portal until June 7. This is available for all students. Pre-order only.

Spring & Kinder Grad Photos

Spring Photos are Tuesday, May 14 and Kinder Grad Photos are Tuesday, May 14 & Wednesday, May 15. If any students are away on May 14, they can also have their spring photo taken on the 15th. The elementary office is looking for one volunteer to assist with photos on Tuesday, May 14 for a full day. If you are available to help, please call 403-748-3770. We appreciate it!

Save the Date

Our drama students are excited to showcase their talents in "The Snow White Variety Show" on Wednesday, June 12 & 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School gym. Tickets go on sale May 6!

A CALL TO BE KIND

Because compassion
connects us all.



MAY 6-12, 2024
MentalHealthWeek.ca

#CompassionConnects

FUNKY HAT DAY

FRIDAY MAY 10TH



**WEAR YOUR FUNKIEST HAT TO HELP
RAISE AWARENESS FOR MENTAL HEALTH**

*Nearly 450 million people worldwide are
currently living with a mental illness, yet
nearly two thirds of people with a known mental
illness never seek treatment.*

Lifetouch.

SPRING

PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Bentley School



What to Expect:



Students are
photographed on
Picture Day



Proofs are sent
home with
your student



Order packages
and more on
mylifetouch.ca

Questions? Contact our Help Center at lifetouch.com/support-ca.
Select K-12 School Photography for assistance.

All students will be photographed. Please notify your child's teacher if you do not want an individual picture taken of your child. Your child may be included in a group picture if requested by the school.

Anything **BUT** A Backpack Day

FRIDAY, MAY 24TH



Come to school carrying all your supplies in something other than a backpack!

**No large items are permitted on the bus.
Please talk to your bus driver in advance if
you are unsure of sizing criteria**



Welcome to Kindergarten!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am so excited to be welcoming your child into the kindergarten classroom in September. **Bentley School Kindergarten Orientation for 2024-2025 will be on May 31, 2024.** Orientation will be from **8:30-10:30am** in the kindergarten classroom.

We will read a story, enjoy some new centers and hopefully play outside together! This is an unparented time, students can come to the kindergarten doors to enter! Please RSVP via email to vanessa.robinson@wolfcreek.ab.ca before May 22nd to let me know if your child can attend. Please send your child with a pair of indoor shoes and a healthy, peanut free snack.

In June you can expect to receive a kindergarten package including placement letters for which days your child will be attending kindergarten.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Robinson

SCHOOL BUS

Riders of the Month

Congratulations to:

Jason
Gr. 6
Bentley Bus 4

6" Sub
Sponsored by
Subway



REGISTER NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN!
2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR



YOUR CHILD IS TURNING 5 BY DECEMBER 31, THEN IT'S TIME FOR KINDERGARTEN

PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN TO ATTEND TWO FULL DAYS PER WEEK. REGISTER NOW!

RURAL KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR BUSING
PLEASE REGISTER BY MARCH 31 TO HELP WITH PROGRAM PLANNING

REGISTER ONLINE AT: bentley.wolfcreek.ab.ca/registration

Have any questions, please call 403-748-3770

The graphic features a vibrant floral background with various flowers including pink, blue, and purple blooms, along with green foliage. The word "Spring" is written in a large, stylized, purple cursive font with a white outline and a subtle sparkle effect. Below it, the words "DATE NIGHT" are written in a bold, green, sans-serif font with a white outline.

Spring DATE NIGHT

FRIDAY JUNE 7TH

The Leadership Team is hosting our last "Date Night" of the school year

We are offering to look after your children for the evening to give you the opportunity to go on a date, have a quiet night at home or go shopping!

We are willing to look after children ages 4 - Grade 5.

The admission is \$10.00 per child.

Drop off is no earlier than 4:30 pm.

Pick up must be no later than 9:00 p.m.

Children must be able to use the washroom on their own.

Family-rated movies will be shown, activities will be available in the gym and classrooms will also have activities for your child(ren) to do (crafts, games, etc.).

Leadership students and staff will be supervising these activities. We will also offer the option to prepay and have a hot dog, juice and chips for your child at the cost of \$4.00 per child. Your child will not be able to pay for a snack at Date Night. If you are not buying a hot dog package, please make sure your child has had supper before you leave.

Funds raised go to support Leadership initiatives at the school.

Online Pre-Registration is **REQUIRED** by Tuesday, May 28th

To register, login to your parent portal account and click on the school fee icon to register and pay for each child.

If you have further questions, please contact Miss Bertin at the school (403-748-3770).

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Bentley School Drama Option Presents

The Snow White

VARIETY SHOW



BY BRIAN D. TAYLOR

Two Shows

DOORS OPEN: 6 PM
SHOWTIME: 6:30 PM

JUNE 12 & 13

TICKETS GO ON SALE MAY 6

ADVANCE TICKETS \$10

Order via your PowerSchool and Online Payments Parent Portal

PUBLIC TICKETS AVAILABLE USING THIS LINK

<https://www.studentquickpay.com/wolfcreek/MyAccount/Main.aspx?webitemid=7502>



ELEMENTARY TRACK & FIELD BBQ LUNCH

FRIDAY, JUNE 21


BURGERS

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| Hamburger | \$3 |
| Cheeseburger | \$4 |
| GF Hamburger | \$3.50 |
| GF Cheeseburger | \$4.50 |

TREATS

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| Freezies | \$1 |
| Fudgesicle | \$1 |
| Creamsicle | \$1 |
| Ice Cream Sandwich | \$1 |

DEADLINE TO ORDER; JUNE 7
AVAILABLE FOR ALL STUDENTS & STAFF
PRE-ORDER ONLY. ORDER VIA POWERSCHOOL AND
ONLINE PAYMENTS PARENT PORTAL



used book SALE

**TWO FOR
\$1**

**ON ALL
USED BOOKS**

**OPEN DURING LIBRARY
CLASSES AND AT LUNCH
MAY 27 - 30**

Grade 7 & 8

Jr High June Final Exam Schedule

Parents please note: jr. high students are expected to be at school all day during exam week, they are not permitted to leave following their exam!

**** Marks and comments are online through PowerSchool for students and parents to view. Physical report cards will not be sent home at the end of June.**

| Date | Course | Room # | Supervisor |
|---------------------------|--|----------------------|---|
| Fri, June 21 | National Indigenous Day Last day of regular classes! | | |
| Mon, June 24 8:30 am | LA 7B LA 7W LA 8A | B101 B102 B100 | Miss. Bertin Mr. Wessner Miss. Gordon |
| Mon, June 24 12:45 pm | Science 7B Science 7W Science 8A | B101 B102 B100 | Miss. Bertin Mr. Wessner Miss. Gordon |
| Tues, June 25 8:30 am | Social 7B Social 7W Social 8A | B101 B102 B100 | Miss. Bertin Mr. Wessner Miss. Gordon |
| Tues, June 25 12:45 pm | Math 7B Math 7W Math 8A | B101 B102 B100 | Miss. Bertin Mr. Wessner Miss. Gordon |
| Wed, June 26 | Gr 7 Telus World of Science Field Trip | | 8:45 am - 4:00 pm |
| | Gr. 8 WEM Field Trip | | 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm |
| Thurs, June 27 | Locker Clean Out! School Assembly! Student's Last Day! | | |

Grade 9

June 2024 Final Exam Schedule

| Date | Time | Course | Room # | Supervisor |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-------------|--------------|
| Tues May 14 | 9:00 am - 11:00 am | Gr 9 English Part A | A206 & A210 | Mrs. Annable |
| Wed, June 19 | 9:00 am - 10:15 am | Gr 9 English Part B | A206 | Mrs. Annable |
| | 12:45 pm - 1:55 pm | Gr 9 Math Part A Study Session | A210 | Mr. Peers |
| Wed, June 19 | | Last Day of Regular Classes & Locker Clean Out! | | |
| Thurs, June 20 to Tues, June 26 | | Final Exam Week Students can go home after their exam! | | |
| Thurs, June 20 | 9:00 am - 9:30 am | Gr 9 Math Part A PAT | A110 | Mrs. Lush |
| | 10:00 am - 11:00 am | Gr 9 Science Study Session | A110 | Mrs. Lush |
| Fri, June 21 | National Indigenous Day! | Gr 9 Students will assist Mrs. Stephenson with running the elementary track meet! Students need to bring sunscreen, a hat, water bottle, and dress in layers. Be at the school by 8:30 am to help set up! | | |
| Mon, June 24 | 9:00 am - 10:20 am | Science 9 PAT | A206 | Mrs. Lush |
| | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm | Math 9 Part B Study Session | A210 | Mr. Peers |
| Tues, June 25 | 9:00 am - 10:20 am | Math 9 Part B PAT | A206 | Mrs. Annable |
| | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm | Social 9 Study Session | A210 | Mr. Hazlett |
| Wed, June 26 | 9:00 am - 10:15 am | Social 9 PAT | A210 | Mr. Hazlett |
| Thurs, June 27 | | No School for gr 9-12 students | | |

Minimum time for an exam is 1 hour, students must remain in the exam area.

Gr 9-12 Exam Week (Thurs, June 20-26) - Study sessions are mandatory to attend! Students are able to go home after study sessions. For students that remain at the school, there will be supervised activities/projects for them to do.

Marks and comments are online for students and parents to view, a report card will be uploaded to PowerSchool Parent Portal under School Reports.

Physical report cards will not be sent home.

Grade 10 - 12

June 2024 Final Exam Schedule

| Date | Time | Course | Room # | Supervisor |
|---------------------------------|---|--|-------------|--------------|
| Tues May 14 | 9:00 am - 11:00 am | Gr 9 English Part A | A206 & A210 | Mrs. Annable |
| Wed, June 12 | 9:00 am - 3:00 pm | Soc 30-1 & 30-2 Part A Diploma | A110 | Mr. Lush |
| Wed, June 19 | 9:00 am - 3:00 pm | Social 30-1 & 30-2 Part B Diploma | A110 | Mr. Lush |
| | 9:00 am - 10:15 am | Gr 9 English Part B | A206 | Mrs. Annable |
| | 12:45 pm - 1:55 pm | Gr 9 Math Part A Study Session | A210 | Mr. Peers |
| Wed, June 19 | | Last Day of Regular Classes & Locker Clean Out! | | |
| Thurs, June 20 to Tues, June 26 | | Final Exam Week Students can go home after their exam! | | |
| Thurs, June 20 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm | English 20-1 & 20-2 Written Final | A206 | Mrs. Annable |
| | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm | Math 10C Final Exam | A210 | Mr. Peers |
| | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm | Math 10-3 Final Exam | A214 | Mr. Button |
| | 9:00 am - 9:30 am | Gr 9 Math Part A PAT | A110 | Mrs. Lush |
| | 10:00 am - 11:00 am | Gr 9 Science Study Session | A110 | Mrs. Lush |
| Fri, June 21 | No Exams! Study Sessions! Gr 9 Students assist with elementary track meet! | Chem 30 Study Session - 8:30-9:40 | A110 | Mr. Button |
| | | Math 20-1 Study Session - 8:30-9:40 | A214 | Mr. Peers |
| | | Social 10-1 & 10-2 Study Session - 8:30-9:40 am | A210 | Mr. Hazlett |
| | | Biology 20 Study Session - 9:40-10:50 | A110 | Mr. Buttons |
| | | English 20-1 & 20-2 Study Session 10:50-12:00 pm | A206 | Mrs. Annable |
| | | Math 20-2 Study Session - 12:45-1:55 | A114 | Mr. Peers |
| Mon, June 24 | 9:00 am - 3:00 pm | Chemistry 30 Diploma | A205 | Mr. Lush |
| | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm | Social 10-1 & 10-2 Final Exam | A210 | Mr. Hazlett |
| | 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm | Biology 20 Final Exam | A110 | Mr. Button |
| | 9:00 am - 10:20 am | Science 9 PAT | A206 | Mrs. Lush |
| | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm | Math 9 Part B Study Session | A210 | Mr. Peers |
| Tues, June 25 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm | Math 20-1 & 20-2 Final Exam | A210 | Mr. Peers |
| | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm | Science 10 | A110 | Mr. Button |
| | 9:00 am - 10:20 am | Math 9 Part B PAT | A206 | Mrs. Annable |
| | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm | Social 9 Study Session | A210 | Mr. Hazlett |
| Wed, June 26 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm | English 20-1 & 20-2 MC Final Exam | A206 | Mrs. Annable |
| | 9:00 am - 10:15 am | Social 9 PAT | A210 | Mr. Hazlett |
| Thurs, June 27 | | No School for gr 9-12 students | | |

Minimum time for an exam is 1 hour, students must remain in the exam area.

Gr 9-12 Exam Week (Thurs, June 20-26) - students may leave after their exam is finished. Students are encouraged to attend study sessions!

Marks and comments are online for students and parents to view, physical report cards will not be sent home.

Registration for 2024-2025

Open for Pre-K and Kindergarten

New student registration for Pre-K & Kindergarten to Gr. 12 opened January 8. If you currently have a student in Pre-K who is either Kindergarten age or returning to Pre-K, parents will receive an email with returning student registration instructions. Current, Kindergarten to Grade 11 students won't receive returning student instructions until August 2024.

Pre-Kindergarten New Student Registration for 2024-2025

- Returning Pre-Kindergarten students will receive an email with registration instructions.
- New students must select the 2024-2025 NEW BFPA Registration Form
- Children must be 3 or 4 years of age by December 31 of the upcoming school year in order to apply
- Programs are designed for children to attend two days per week on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday. Four days per week programming may be available following further consultation with families and is based on location and availability.
- A copy of the original birth certificate and other legal documentation (custody orders, etc.) must accompany your registration. If you need to order your child's birth certificate, click on the link to Alberta Services.
- Pre-Kindergarten students are not eligible for busing.
- [Download the BFPA brochure here.](#)
- For full program details visit:
<https://bentley.wolfcreek.ab.ca/https-www-brightfuturesplayacademy-ca>

Kindergarten New Student Registration for 2024-2025

- Students currently in Bright Futures who are of Kindergarten age will receive an email with registration instructions.
- New students must select the **2024-2025 NEW K-12 Registration Form**
- Children must be 5 years of age by December 31 of the upcoming school year in order to apply
- Programs are designed for children to attend two full days per week. Days offered will depend on the number of students registered. Please register by March 31 to help with program planning.
- Kindergarten class placements are based on a number of factors including, number of kindergarten registrations received, date of registration, program day availability and student needs, not just on parent preference.
- A copy of the original birth certificate and other legal documentation (custody orders, etc.) must accompany your registration. If you need to order your child's birth certificate, click on the link to [Alberta Health Services](#).
- Rural Kindergarten students are eligible to apply for busing.

Questions?

Having trouble registering during school hours? We will be happy to help! Please call the office at 403-748-3770 and ask for Mrs. McDiarmid or Mrs. Lush.



REGISTRATION FOR 2024-2025 IS OPEN



BRIGHT FUTURES PLAY ACADEMY

Two & four half day programs available for 3 & 4 year olds
Mon/Wed or Tue/Thur mornings

HIGHLIGHTS

- Certified Classroom Teacher and Experienced Support Staff
- A focus on Excellence in Developing the Whole Child
- Developing Skills Intellectually, Artistically, Emotionally, Physically and Socially
- Access to Support Services, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Speech and Language Services
- Family Orientated Programming and Partnership with Community Programming

KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 12

KINDERGARTEN

Will your child be 5 years old by December 31 of this year? Two full day programs available with transportation. Days offered are based on registration numbers.

DON'T MISS IT!
REGISTER NOW

<https://bentley.wolfcreek.ab.ca/registration>

About Us

Bentley School is located in the town of Bentley, Alberta, on the west side of Gull Lake. The school serves approximately 438 students from grades K to 12. There are also 29 students participating in the Bright Future Play Academy.

PHONE: 403-748-3770

<https://bentley.wolfcreek.ab.ca/>



Who needs to register for Bus transportation for the 2024/25 school year?

All urban (in town students - Ponoka, Lacombe, and Blackfalds).

All students new to transportation (ECS or changing schools and are new to busing).

All students who are moving to a new address.

All Cross Boundary students must re-register every year.

Who does not need to register?

Rural students who have not had a change in address or school location.

Unsure?

If parents are not sure if they need to register, or are unsure which school they need to register at they can reach out to our office

transportation@wolfcreek.ab.ca

What do you need to do to register?

Street address if urban, Legal land description and complete 911 address if rural.

Applications are submitted online through the Parent Portal or SchoolEngage.

<https://www.wolfcreek.ab.ca/school-division/transportation/bus-status-page2>

WE NEED SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS!



Class 5 drivers eligible for training grant
No experience required. Support your community
Send resume to transportation@wolfcreek.ab.ca
Call 403-785-0765 to inquire

BUS DRIVERS OPEN THE DOORS TO LEARNING



RURAL SCHOOL BUS STUDENTS

Students who live in the country and are new to rural busing OR have moved to a new rural location are required to register for transportation.

All rural kindergarten students must be registered to ride the bus.

Your full legal land description AND complete blue sign (911 address) are required to register.

**Unsure of which school your child should attend, please call us with your legal land description.
If you have moved you must notify the school of the address change prior to registering for busing.*

**Cross boundary students must re-apply each year by filling out the regular application and the cross boundary application. Please note that cross boundary fees will apply.*

**REGISTER ONLINE USING YOUR PARENT PORTAL
OR THROUGH SCHOLENGAGE**

DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING IS JUNE 1, 2024

For more information please contact Wolf Creek Public Schools Transportation Services

E-mail - transportation@wolfcreek.ab.ca Phone - 403-785-0726

Website - <https://www.wolfcreek.ab.ca/school-division/transportation/bus-status-page2>

Handball Highlights

Our Junior High Handball teams wrapped up their season in Sherwood Park April 19 & 20th at provincials. They all played great and showed great sportsmanship. Congratulations to the girls junior team on bringing home the silver medal! Thank you to our amazing coaches, Miss Lush, Mr. Lush and student coaches, Brynn and Maja for a great season.



Town Clean Up Highlights



Badminton Highlights

Congratulations to Brynn for winning gold in the intermediate singles category at the senior high areas tournament and moving on to compete in Zones.

Our junior high badminton players competed in the Wolfcreek South tournament in April. Everyone played great and showed great sportsmanship. We have a number of teams moving on to the Wolf Creek Championship. Congratulations to the following players who all brought home medals!

- Jevin - Gr. 7 Boys Singles - Gold
- Willow - Gr. 7 Singles - Bronze
- Connor & Lauren - Gr. 7 Mixed Doubles - Bronze
- Diane & Livia - Gr. 7 Doubles - Gold
- Lexi & Matthew - Gr. 8 Mixed Doubles - Gold
- Capri & Andra - Gr. 8 Doubles - Bronze
- Pebbles - Gr. 8 Singles - Bronze
- Keira - Gr. 9 Singles - Bronze
- Peyton & Jensyn - Gr. 9 Doubles - Bronze





Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

DID YOU KNOW?

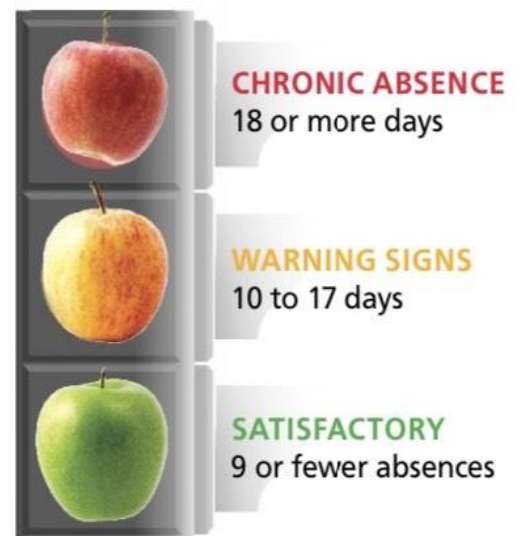
- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just 1 or 2 days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-Covid-19 related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness or quarantine, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.



Keep Your Child On Track in Middle and High School: Pay Attention to Attendance

Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students access learning opportunities and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job. Families can also advocate for resources to help students learn if they cannot attend in-person.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can affect a student's academic success.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Make school attendance a priority

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- Help your children maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and non-Covid-19 related medical appointments during the school day.
- Keep your child healthy, and if you are concerned about Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your children must stay home because they are sick or in quarantine, make sure they have asked teachers for resources and materials to make up for the missed learning time in the classroom.

Help your teen stay engaged

- Find out if your children feel engaged by their classes, and feel safe from bullies and other threats.
- Make sure your children are not missing class because of challenges with behavioral issues or school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, contact the school and work with them to find a solution.
- Monitor your child's academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors when necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage your child to join meaningful after-school activities, including sports and clubs.
- Notice and support your children if they are showing signs of anxiety.

Communicate with the school

- Know the school's attendance policy – incentives and penalties.
- Check on your child's attendance to be sure absences are not adding up.
- Seek help from school staff, other parents or community agencies if you need support.

