

Dear eStem families,

We have had a great start to this school year! This year, our district focus is on reaching Every Student, Every Day, and we want to take a moment to emphasize how important regular school attendance is for your child's academic success and personal growth.

As parents and guardians, you play a crucial role in shaping your child's future, and one of the most significant investments you can make is ensuring their regular attendance at school. The education and experiences your child receives in school lay the foundation for their lifelong learning and success.

Here are a few key reasons why school attendance is vital for your child's success:

- Academic Achievement: Regular attendance allows your child to fully engage with the curriculum, participate in the discussions, and gain a deeper understanding of the content. Consistent attendance positively correlates with improved academic performance.
- Consistency & Routine: Attending school consistently instills a sense of discipline and routine in your child's life. It helps them understand the importance of punctuality and commitment, traits that are valuable in all aspects of life.
- **Missed Opportunities:** When your child misses school, they miss out on valuable lessons, discussions, and hands-on experiences that cannot be replicated. Absenteeism can lead to gaps in their knowledge and make it hard for them to catch up later.
- **Teacher-Student Relationships:** Regular attendance enables your child to form strong bonds with their teachers, who can provide personalized guidance and support based on their progress and needs.

We understand that sometimes unforeseen circumstances may lead to absences. In these cases, please communicate with the school and provide the necessary documentation. However, we are asking that you prioritize your child's attendance whenever possible. eStem's attendance policy can be found in our student handbooks, and we've included a quick link HERE.

Let's work together to ensure that your child receives the best possible education, and their school attendance is an important piece to their achievement. We are committed to doing our best for every student every day. Help us make this year a huge success by joining us on this mission!

Thank you for your support,

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