Missing school is missing out on education. We know that students are more successful in school and in life when they have strong attendance habits. They are more likely to graduate, earn college entrance, and have higher-paying jobs.

#### Q: Do tardies count toward hours of absence?

A: Yes. It accumulates. Every five tardies equal one absence.

### Q: Why are tardies such a big deal if they're only missing a few minutes?

A: Students miss key information, announcements, and learning. 10 minutes a day adds up to 30 hours of instruction lost for a year. When students start late, they are more distracted. Routines are helpful.

### Q: What if my child has to go to the doctor/dentist during the day? Are they still counted as absent?

A: Yes. They will be considered excused once a doctor's note is provided.

### Q: Should I send my child to school if they are sick?

A: No. Your child's health and recovery are important. If you are keeping a student home because they are sick please call the office or **856-962-8822 ext 124** to speak to the school nurse.

### Q: What if my child's absences are excused?

A: With all matters involving a student's absence from school please contact the school office.

### Q: What if my child has an illness, disease, or injury that causes them to miss a lot of school?

A: You should contact your child's school office or administrator and a plan will be developed to address these circumstances.

## Q: What if I have trouble getting my child to school on time because of my work schedule or illness?

A: Every parent or guardian has a legal responsibility to make sure their child attends school on time and every day. Please reach out to the school office to ask for assistance.

# Q: What if my child doesn't want to go to school because they are struggling emotionally or socially?

A: Each child has the right to quality education. Avoiding school does not resolve emotional and social issues. Contact your child's school or administrator and a plan will be developed to address these circumstances.

If you have additional questions please contact your child's school or email for additional information at <a href="mailto:info@woodlynne.k12.nj.us">info@woodlynne.k12.nj.us</a>