

FAQ ABOUT ATTENDANCE

Q1: Your student does not want to go to school. What do you do?

A1:

- School is not an option for students. Remind them it is their “job.”
- Be consistent with positive reinforcement or consequences.
- Talk to the school about the problem. They have great ideas and resources!
- If we work together to get them to school, we can help even more once they are at school.

Q2: What if our family planned a vacation during the school year?

A1:

- Try to avoid vacations during the school year.
- It is hard for students to catch up.
- Missing instruction from the teacher often puts them behind in understanding concepts that build upon each other.
- Schools in our district can excuse up to one school week. More than one school week of vacation does not have to be excused by the school.
- Each student’s principal must approve vacation days before the student goes, or the days are unexcused.
- Write a letter to your student(s) principal(s) for pre-approval at least one week before your vacation.
- It is your responsibility for your students to complete their work while on vacation. The homework is due to their teachers the day they return to school.
- If your student(s) in high school, upon approval of the principal, final exams will be completed on a Saturday (set up by the principal) before your student leaving on vacation.

Q3: What if my family has planned or wants to plan a vacation for the end of the school year?

A1:

- Do not plan your vacation to start the last day!
- Plan it to start after the built-in five (5) snow days. However, this does not mean the school board will not make the district make up more snow days if we use over five days.
- Make up days for snow days are part of the school year. They do count!