



Students and Parents:

We want to take a moment to say “thank you” to the majority of the students and their families who make a concerted effort to ensure that they attend school every day. By attending school regularly students are provided the best opportunity to receive a high quality education. While 95% of our students do a great job of attending school, there are some who are not as consistent. While the reasons they do not attend may vary, we all know if the student is not in class it is difficult for them to master the knowledge being taught.

In fact there is a state law requiring all children to attend school **no less** than 90% of the 180 school days per year. This translates to no more than 18 absences per year for elementary school students and no more than 9 days per semester for secondary students. Even if a student has an “A” in a class but has excessive absences, they may not receive credit for the course. Don’t worry “extra-curricular” or “school sponsored” absences will not count against a student!

If your student is part of the 5% who have attendance issues, we do have a way to make up absences so that credit can be regained. However, we need everyone to know that **absences will need to be made up before the end of the academic year**. This gives students an opportunity to make up time in an instructional setting with their campus teachers. If you are unsure about your child’s absences, please call the campus and ask. We will be sending home personalized letters to all students who need to make up attendance so they can re-capture the credit. The scheduled times to make up attendance hours will be on the personalized letter. If you believe your child has extenuating circumstances like a chronic illness, there may be other options. Again, you would need to discuss the situation in a face-to-face meeting with the campus administrator.

The best way to avoid having an attendance issue is to work hard to attend school every day for the entire day. Try to schedule orthodontist and doctor visits after school when possible. We appreciate your support and the opportunity to serve your child for the best possible education.

Regards,

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Ms. Laura Miller, KJHS Principal

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