

# Attendance is Important! Why?

Missing 10% or more of the available school days (for any reason both excused and unexcused) is considered chronic absenteeism.

Research shows students with chronic absenteeism are more likely to miss important concepts and struggle academically.



By third grade, students with chronic absenteeism are more likely to read below grade level.

If students continue to have chronic absenteeism into 6th grade, they are more likely not to graduate from high school.

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# Some Basic Attendance Rules

- Students should try to be in school everyday.
- If a student is truly sick (fever, vomiting, or diarrhea,) the student should stay home or go to the doctor.
- Always get a doctor's note if you can.
- Bring a WRITTEN parent note for all absences you do not have a doctor's note for.



- Schedule vacations during school breaks or summer. Vacations are not excused absences!
- Students should not miss more than 15 days a year for any reason.
- As long as you don't go over 15 absences, parents can excuse 5 days in the Fall and 5 days in the Spring.
- Call Mrs. Gilpin with questions!

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# More details to know...

- For VPK - 3 students: For each day a student is absent and the teacher does not know why in advance, the teacher should call or email the parent to inquire if the student is ok and when they will be back.
- For 4-6 students: The teacher should direct a classmate to send an email to the student letting them know they were missed and encourage them to come back the next school day.



- Notes must be brought in within 5 school days after an absence.
- Work done for an unexcused absence will not receive credit. Students should be assigned a 0. Note in the comments why.
- State law requires us to send letters home when student attendance is a concern. Students who are chronically absent will be referred for additional supports.

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# Bobcats Celebrate Attendance!

**During September:**  
Weekly drawing  
for 10 students with  
Perfect Attendance since  
the first day of school  
lunch with  
administration.

**Quarterly:** Certificates for  
each student with Perfect  
Attendance given by the  
Attendance Coordinator.



**Monthly:** Drawing for  
special item from  
students who have  
perfect attendance for  
that month.

**Yearly:** Attendance  
celebration with prizes and a  
drawing for 1 Boy & 1 Girl with  
Perfect Attendance to win a  
bicycle.

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# We need Bobcats here everyday!



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