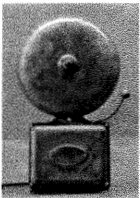


Attendance M^Atters

Did you know?

- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just 1 or 2 days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance
- There is an unquestionable link between school attendance and school achievement.



In School, On Time

- School start time **9:00**
- **TARDY 9:05 – 9:30**
- Per district handbook, reporting more than thirty minutes late to school or leaving 30 minutes prior to dismissal will result in one-half day absence.

Help your child come to school every day

- Set a regular bedtime.
- Help your child complete their homework and pack up their backpack the night before.
- Develop a morning routine.
- Encourage your child to attend school!

Proficient Readers in the 3rd Grade

64%

of children who
were regular
attenders in
kindergarten &
1st grade

17%

of children
who were
chronically
absent in
kindergarten
& 1st grade

Truancy & Attendance Letters

Per district guidelines, parents will receive the following:

- Attendance letter #1 after 7 days absent and/or tardy.
- Attendance letter #2 after 14 days absent and/or tardy.
- Attendance letter #3 after 21 days absent and/or tardy.
- Excessive absences, after the 21 days/absence, must be reported to the Macomb County Independent School District Attendance Office.

If your child is having trouble attending school, please make sure to schedule a meeting with the school principal to discuss how we can support you.

Remember school attendance is the law!