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Newsletter

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ANCHOR BAY MIDDLE SCHOOL NORTH

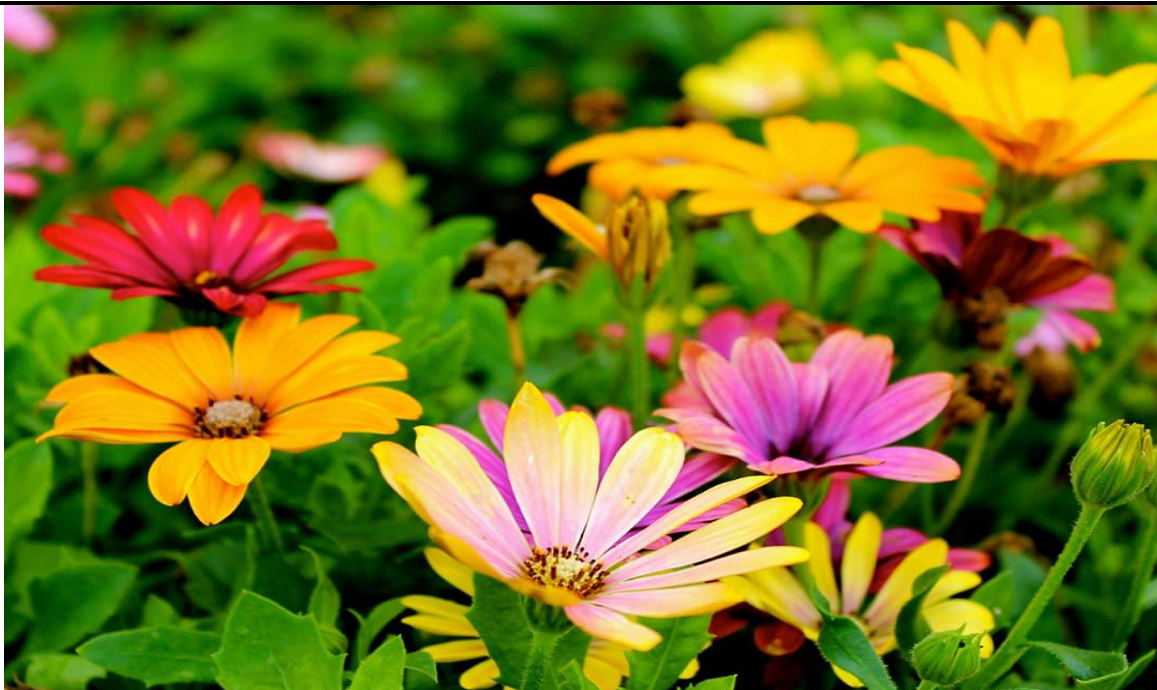


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The mission of Anchor Bay Schools, in partnership with the community, will produce lifelong learners, who respect diversity, adapt to change and function as responsible citizens.

April/May



The weather is finally starting to break, and spring is here!

We have received several requests from parents for students' homework due to planned vacations. Teachers have assignments on their SCHOOLGY page. Students can access it at anytime and anywhere. It is the parents and students' choice whether to access Schoology while they are absent to keep up with work or do it when they return. In either case, students will have one day per day missed to make-up the work. Only school days count towards that total. For example - if a student misses 4 days of school and returns on Thursday, the student will have until the end of day, on Tuesday the following week to complete the work. If work is not returned by that day our "Homework Policy" will apply. Our homework policy states that students will have 5 days to submit work after the due date, however credit for late work will be reduced by 10% for each day late. Ex. 1 day late 10% reduction - 2 days late 20% reduction, etc.

Drop Off/Pick Up

If you drive your child to or from school, you will need to drive to the main parking lot. When you are dropping off your child, please pull all the way up to the last stop sign that is on the sidewalk. This keeps the traffic pattern flowing and traffic back-ups to a minimum. You may also drop off your child in the parking lot along Ashley Street. Please do not drive in the bus loop to drop your child off. Safety is the number one concern when driving around the school property.



Student Drop Offs

Upon a student's late arrival or when returning from an appointment, parents do not need to accompany the student back into the school. Students can bring in any doctor's notes, if necessary and sign themselves in where they will be given a pass and will head to class.



Captain's Quarters

Middle School North's school store, the Captain's Quarters, is up and running! Your student can purchase school supplies, Pop-Its, MSN t-shirts, socks, hoodies, beanies and more! Fun new inventory is being added weekly! We are looking for parent volunteers to help with the school store on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00am to 12:45 pm. Please use the sign-up genius to volunteer.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084FA5AB29A4FC1-51039631-captains>

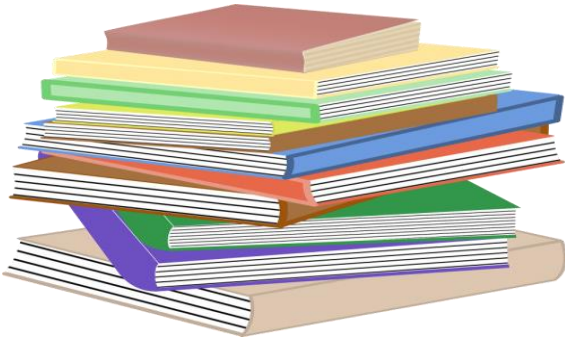
You must have a volunteer form on file, which is located on the district website at www.anchorbay.misd.net. You can email Ms. Kessel at skessel@abs.misd.net or Mrs. VanHeusden at pvanheusden@abs.misd.net for more information or any questions.

Tech Support

If you are running into technology issues, we are pleased to provide our Anchor Bay Help Desk as a resource. Please email absdtechsupport@abs.misd.net for assistance.

After School Academic Support

After school academic support is held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Forms can be found in our main office or on our website at www.anchorbay.misd.net. Under the school heading select Anchor Bay Middle School North and scroll down to the heading titled Academic Support. Please be advised that if your student leaves prior to the end of the academic support, Anchor Bay Middle School North is not responsible for your child once they leave the school property. Student transportation home is not provided.



Before School Math Tutoring

Before school math tutoring is held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:00 am – 8:00 am in room A5 with Mrs. Kristy Schneider. Students may arrive anytime between 7:00 am and 7:50 am. Forms can be found in our main office or on our website at www.anchorbay.misd.net. Under the school heading, select Anchor Bay Middle School North and scroll down to the heading titled Academic Support. Students can be dropped off at the main entrance, door #1.

Reward Trips

8th Grade Reward Trip - Cedar Point

8th grade students, who have earned the privilege, will be able to participate in the Cedar Point reward trip on Friday, June 6, 2025. The cost of the trip is \$75.00, no refunds will be given. Students are allowed to bring extra money if they choose, for other purchases. The criteria for this trip are “outstanding/excellent” and “satisfactory/good” for citizenship. Any student who has accrued a minimum of six (6) demerit points will be excluded from the 8th grade reward trip program. Any student involved in a fight or was referred for a major infraction of a violent nature will be excluded. Truancy students will also be excluded.

7th Grade Reward Trip – Dave & Busters

7th grade students, who have earned the privilege, will be able to participate in the Dave & Buster reward trip on Friday, May 30, 2025. We will be selling tickets starting the week of April 14th. The cost of the trip is \$40.00, which includes a \$20.00 Power Card, buffet lunch, several free arcade games and unlimited soda. There will be no refunds. Students are allowed to bring extra money if they choose, for other purchases. The criteria for this trip are “outstanding/excellent” and “satisfactory/good” for citizenship. Any student who has accrued a minimum of six (6) demerit points will be excluded from the 7th grade reward trip program. Any student involved in a fight or was referred for a major infraction of a violent nature will be excluded. Truancy students will also be excluded.

6th Grade Reward Trip – Walter & Mary Burke Park

6th grade students, who have earned the privilege, will be able to participate in the Walter & Mary Burke Park in New Baltimore reward trip on Friday, May 30, 2025. We will be selling tickets starting the week of April 14th. The cost of the trip is \$20.00, which includes a DJ, Tootsie the Clown, face painting, Kona Ice, outdoor games, pizza, lemonade and more! There will be no refunds. The criteria for this trip are “outstanding/excellent” and “satisfactory/good” for citizenship. Any student who has accrued a minimum of six (6) demerit points will be excluded from the 6th grade reward trip program. Any student involved in a fight or was referred for a major infraction of a violent nature will be excluded. Truancy students will also be excluded.

REWARD TRIPS

Reward trips are part of our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program. They are designed to encourage positive behavior and academic success. The following trips are planned for the 2024-2025 school year for students who meet the qualifying standards.

6th Grade - Walter & Mary Burke Park - Friday, May 30th, 2025

7th Grade - Dave & Busters - May 30th, 2025

8th Grade - Cedar Pointe - June 6th, 2025

To qualify for our PBIS Reward Trips, students must meet the criteria established in our student code of conduct.

"A student receiving a total of six (6) demerit points will be excluded from the school trip program. Any student involved in a fight, instigating a fight or referred for a major infraction of a violent nature, will be excluded from the school trip program"

TIME OUT = 4 POINTS
DETENTION = 2 POINTS
F GRADE = 2 POINTS
N CITIZENSHIP = 1 POINT
U CITIZENSHIP = 2 POINTS
Bus Suspension = 1 POINT

Qualifying for these trips is a reward to our students for meeting a high standard.
NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE POINT TOTAL PROGRAM WILL BE ALLOWED.

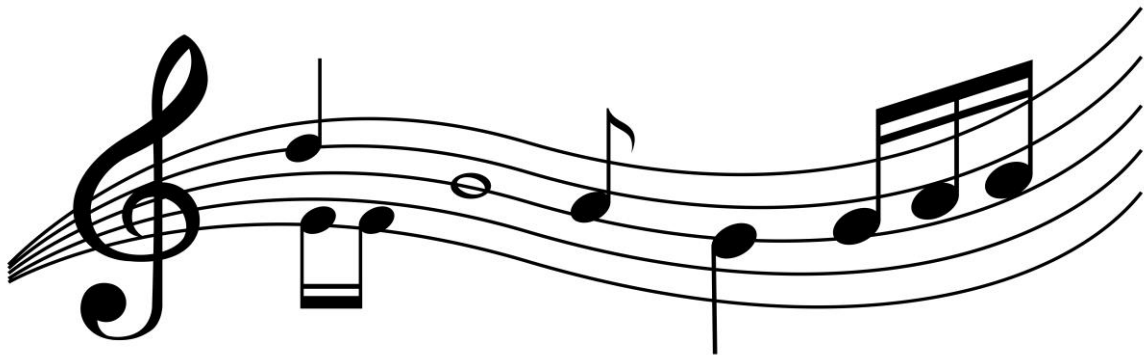


Band & Choir

State Choir Festival - April 28th, 29th, OR 30th at Oakland University

Choir Concert - May 20th, 2025, at Anchor Bay High School at 7pm

Band Concert - May 21th, 2025, at Anchor Bay High School at 7pm



Yearbook

Your child spends a lot of time at school, creating memories in and out of class. Those memories will live on in the yearbook. You can buy a yearbook so they can always remember.

The price of a yearbook is \$40.00. For more information visit

www.yearbookforever.com



Life Skills One

Here's What's Cooking in Life Skills One for 2nd Semester!

Oreo Cream Pie, Air Fryer Oreos, Garlic Knots, Grilled Cheese, Cannoli Dip, Potato Rounds, Quesadillas, Donuts, Breakfast Burritos, Elephant Ears, Cinnamon French Toast, Taco Dip w/ Homemade Tortilla Chips, Apple Pie Bombs and Pizza! We will also be learning about kitchen safety, kitchen equipment, kitchen terminology, equivalents and other very important life skills!



Life Skills Two

Here's What's Cooking in Life Skills Two for 2nd Semester!

Cinnamon Sugar French Toast, Sausage and Potatoes, Breakfast Burritos, Garlic Knots, Chicken Drumsticks, Donuts, S'mores Bars, Homemade Pizza Rolls, Air Fryer Cookie Cake, Food Around the World Project, Taco Dip w/ Homemade Tortilla Chips, Chicken Parmesan, Burgers, Chicken Fried Rice, Egg Frittatas and Garlic Butter Steak Bites



Bridge Building

4 teams of students will be competing in the Bridge Building State Competition. First, they had to write a proposal to be accepted into the competition. Next, they gave a presentation to MDOT engineers. Now, they will be traveling to Grand Rapids on April 9th – 10th for the State Competition where they will compete against other 7th and 8th grade teams to see how much weight their bridge can hold.

The 4 teams going to the State Competition consist of the following students:

Build and Break - Trent Lietz, Marcelo Vicencio, Tommie Beauchemin

Cabel Guys - Noah Burmistrzack, Easton Dunn, Gavin Bonomo

Not So Civil Engineers - Andrew Campbell, Ben Schoening, Wesley Pough

The Particle Solvers - Sophia Franks, Samuel Werner, Krystal Krumholz



Book Fair

The book fair has been rescheduled for the week of May 12th – 16th.





During a recent school cancellation, we found that several parents were not receiving text messages from the district notifying them of the cancellation. We checked the reports that are issued by "School Messenger" and found that many of the text messages (SMS) were being reported as BLOCKED. This means that when you received a text message from School Messenger (number: 67587) during the initial set up, no response was sent back. School Messenger assumes that you DO NOT want text messages if they do not receive a response. To correct this, please do the following:

If you would like to receive text messages from Anchor Bay School District, send a text message to (68453) with the words "opt in" or "subscribe" as the message. If you are already receiving text message from Anchor Bay School District no further action is required.

Any questions, please reach out to our technology department absdtechsupport@abs.misd.net



Kroger Community Rewards® makes fund-raising easy...all you have to do is shop at Kroger and show your Plus Card!

Sign In or Create an Account to enroll, upon signing up please use our code: PL446

Once signed up, you can enroll or update your Community Rewards under your Account

Apply for Free or Reduced Meals

To apply for free or reduced-price meals for the 2025-2026 school year, please fill out an application online at <https://anchorbay.familyportal.cloud/> under the 'benefits' tab. You will need to register with Family Portal first.



SendMoneytoSchool is Now Meal Magic Family Portal

Meal Magic Family Portal is a new website that gives parents a single site for all their food service tasks. You can make deposits, transfer funds, review account balances, see what your children are eating, set parental controls, apply for meal benefits and more! It is intuitive and mobile friendly.

Parents who previously used sendmoneytoschool.com for online payments will need to register with Family Portal using the same email address. This will allow all student information to transfer over automatically.



DRESS CODE

Anchor Bay Schools respect students' right to express themselves in the way they dress. All students who attend Anchor Bay Schools are expected to respect the school community by dressing appropriately for the K-12 environment. Students' attire should facilitate participation in the learning, health and safety of students and adults who supervise them. This policy is intended to guide students, staff, and parents.

The following guidelines shall be followed, which allow for student expression but also to aid in academic success and safety.

Guidelines shall prohibit student dress or grooming practices which:

1. Presents a hazard to the health and safety of the student or to others in the school.
2. Interfere with schoolwork, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program.
3. Cause excessive wear or damage to school property.
4. Prevent the student from achieving educational objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement.

Inappropriate attire includes:

Profane, negative, or obscene writing or pictures

Sunglasses (unless prescription transitional lenses)

Hoods, or anything that covers the ears

Tube tops or single strap tops. Tops must have a strap on both shoulders

Transparent clothing

Clothing that reveals undergarments

Clothing that exposes nipples, genitals, or buttocks

Clothing that has references to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex, gangs, illegal activities, demonstrates association with hate groups, or uses hate speech targeting a protected class – may not be worn.

Footwear with a sole must be worn at all times.

Students who represent the district at an official or school sponsored function or public event (I.E. – athletic teams, band, choir, AFJROTC, etc.) may be required to follow specific dress requirements as a condition of participation or attendance. Specialized courses may require specialized attire such as sports uniforms or safety gear. I.E.- Physical Education and Career and Technical classes.

The administration at each school reserves the right to determine what constitutes appropriate dress.

Any student with inappropriate clothing will remain in the office until an appropriate solution is found. This may require a change of clothing to be brought to the school.

Sailor Happenings

Important Information

School - 586-725-7373
Fax - 586-725-6760

Transportation - 586-725-4220

School Hours - 7:55am - 2:52pm

Start & End Times

8:04am – 2:52pm Full Day

8:04am – 11:29am Half Day

NOTE:

If your child is absent from school,
please call us at (586)725-7373
before 10:00am

Holidays/No School

April 18th No School

April 21st No School - PD Day

May 6th No School - PD Day

May 23rd ½ Day

May 26th No School

Memorial Day

June 9th ½ Day

June 10th ½ Day

June 11th ½ Day

June 11th Last Day

Principal

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District Website

www.anchorbay.misd.net

Camp **Infinity**



TECHNOLOGY SUMMER CAMPS

FOR GIRLS ENTERING 5TH-12TH GRADE IN THE FALL

One Week of Tech Fun!

June 16 – June 20, 2025

Camp Infinity is a series of **week-long** sessions that introduce girls to computer and internet **technologies** through hands-on activities. Our expert instructors will guide your child through a range of engaging activities that will spark their imagination and creativity.

CAMP DETAILS



Anchor Bay High School
6319 County Line Rd,
Fair Haven, MI 48023
8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Mon-Fri)

7th & 8th Grade Girls



Campers in the 7th and 8th grades will enhance their critical thinking and problem-solving skills while programming a Finch 2.0 robot and designing a multi-page website using HTML/CSS.

CAMP COURSE DETAILS

5th & 6th Grade Girls



Campers in the 5th and 6th grades will program Ozobot Evo robots using **block-based programming** and **design a multi-page website** using HTML/CSS.

9th - 12th Grade Girls



Campers in the 9th–12th grades will program a **Lego Spike Prime robot** using a version of Python's coding language and **design a multi-page website** using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Interactive Tech Activities

Explore coding, robotics, and website design with hands-on projects.

Affordable Fun

A full week of activities, meals included, for \$125, with scholarships available.

Inspiring Career Connections

Meet tech professionals and discover exciting career opportunities.

SCAN



Scholarships Available!

Admission \$125 /week

Ready to join? Scan the QR Code to learn more!

Questions? Contact Nicola White at nicola.white@mcwt.org or +1 (248) 204-6052 ext. 1104
More information on dates, camp sessions, and registration can be found [here](#) and on mcwt.org.

Protecting Our Water...It's as Easy as Seven Simple Steps

Did you know that over three million people depend on our lakes and streams for their drinking water? And that in Southeast Michigan there are over 300,000 registered boaters and 3.5 million people visit a local park each year?

With this many people depending on our lakes and streams for drinking water and recreation, we need to be careful how we treat our water. You might not be able to see the stream or lake from your house, but it's there. It might be a small stream or ditch or even a storm drain in the street. All of this leads directly to our lakes and streams. So, what we do at home affects our water!

Here are seven simple steps you can take in your home and yard to protect our lakes and streams

1. **Help keep pollution out of storm drains.** Storm drains lead directly to our lakes and streams. So, never dump oil, pet waste, leaves, dirty water, or anything down a storm drain. Remember, only rain in the drain.
2. **Fertilize carefully and sparingly.** Excess fertilizer that gets into storm drains pollutes our lakes by causing large algae blooms and using up oxygen fish need to survive. Sweep excess fertilizer back onto your lawn, use a low or no phosphorus fertilizer, and have your soil tested to see what, if any, fertilizer is needed.
3. **Carefully store and dispose of household cleaners, chemicals and oil.** Instead of putting hazardous products like antifreeze, motor oil and pesticides in the trash, down the storm drain or on the ground, take them to a local hazardous waste collection day.
4. **Clean up after your pet.** Whether on a walk or in your yard, promptly clean up after your pet. Not only will you be a good neighbor, you will also protect our water from harmful bacteria.
5. **Practice good car care.** Consider taking your car to a car wash or washing your car on the grass.
6. **Choose earth friendly landscaping.** Protect your pets, kids and environment by using pesticides sparingly. Also, water your lawn only when it needs it and choose plants native to Michigan.
7. **Save water.** Over watering our lawns can easily carry pollution to the storm drains and to our lakes and streams. Consider using a broom instead of a hose to clean sidewalks and driveways. Direct hoses and sprinklers on the lawn, not the driveway. This will help save our lakes and streams and save you money.

BON VOYAGE EIGHTH GRADERS

DEAR EIGHTH GRADE PARENTS:

This year for eighth graders only, there will be a section in the Anchor Bay Middle School North yearbook where parents can wish their 8th grader luck on their new adventure to high school. If you would like to wish your son or daughter good luck as they move into high school, go to www.yearbookforever.com to create an 8th grade message ad to pay by credit or debit card.

NOW – JAN. 2: \$15

STARTING JAN. 3: \$20



SHARE YOUR PHOTOS!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS :

You take great photos every day. Whether in school or learning from home, send us your best photos of school activities or events for consideration in the Anchor Bay Middle School North yearbook!

To submit your photos to the yearbook staff: Download the Yearbook Snap mobile app from the App Store or Google Play, and enter our access code: **north** or go to yearbookforever.com, enter our school name, click on Yearbook Snap and enter our access code: **north**.

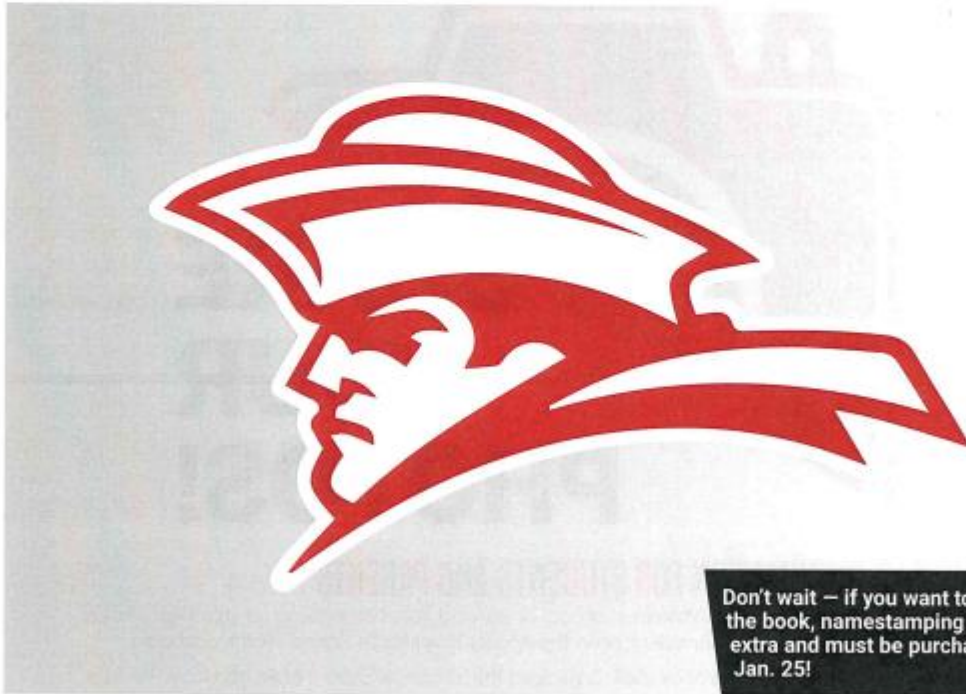
SAILORS, YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW!

ANCHOR BAY MIDDLE SCHOOL NORTH

Your child spends a lot of time at school, creating memories in and out of class. Those memories will live on in the yearbook. Buy a yearbook so they can always remember.

NOW - NOV. 1:	\$35
NOV. 2 - JAN. 30:	\$38
STARTING JAN. 31:	\$40

TO PURCHASE: GO TO
YEARBOOKFOREVER.COM AND
ENTER OUR SCHOOL NAME OR
SCAN THE QR CODE.



Don't wait – if you want to personalize the book, namestamping starts at \$12 extra and must be purchased before Jan. 25!

DON'T MISS OUT - BUY A YEARBOOK TODAY!



Walsworth yearbooks

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Keep Your Child On Track in Middle and High School: Pay Attention to Attendance

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- By 8th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10%, or 2 days of school a month, over the course of the school year, can drastically affect a student's academic success.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Make school attendance a priority

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- Help your children maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day.
- If your children must stay home because they are sick, make sure they have asked teachers for resources and materials to make up for the missed learning time in the classroom.

Help your teen stay engaged

- Find out if your children feel engaged by their classes, and feel safe from bullies and other threats.
- Make sure your children are not missing class because of challenges with behavioral issues or school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, contact the school and work with them to find a solution.
- Monitor your child's academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors when necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage your child to join meaningful after-school activities, including sports and clubs.
- Notice and support your children if they are showing signs of anxiety, such as headaches or stomach aches. Listen to their concerns, and if needed, ask school staff for help.

Communicate with the school

- Know the school's attendance policy – incentives and penalties.
- Check on your child's attendance to be sure absences are not adding up.
- Seek help from school staff, other parents, or community agencies if you need support.



Visit Attendance Works at www.attendanceworks.org for free downloadable resources and tools!