



Your Child's Success Begins with Attendance

Every child enrolled in school in Texas must attend. The state compulsory attendance law allows for legal action, if non-attendance is an issue. As a parent, you are in the best position to help your children understand the benefits of regular attendance.

You can help in the following ways:

- ▶ Tell your children it is important to get to school every day and on time, so they can learn more.
- ▶ If your child makes excuses to stay home from school, take the time to listen to their concerns. Have regular communication with the school about any issues.
- ▶ Post the school calendar, and plan your vacations and appointments outside of school time.
- ▶ Monitor your child's attendance through Klein ISD's Parent Connection.
- ▶ Click on the "Parent Connection" link from the district homepage, www.kleinisd.net.
- ▶ Report excused absences in a timely manner to the Attendance Office.



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Pay Attention to Attendance: Keep Your Child on Track in Intermediate and High School

*Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job. In Klein ISD, **Attendance Counts Every Day Everyone.***

DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- 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 potentially serious difficulty.
- Missing 10 percent of the school year can drastically affect a student's academic success.
- Students can be chronically absent even if they only miss a day or two every few weeks.
- Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child graduate from college and keep a job.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day, make that the expectation.
- Help your child 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.
- Know the school's attendance policy and procedures.
- Don't let your child stay home unless truly sick.
- Monitor your child's academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors if 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.
- Check on your child's attendance to be sure absences are not piling up.