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www.episd.org/studentparentservices

For more information about the compulsory attendance law and
attendance intervention plans visit www.episd.org/alpha

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EVERY DAY *Counts*

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School District**



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Every Day Counts in EPISD! We believe that good attendance is a key to success in school. We are asking each parent to set an attendance goal for their child. We have set a target goal of 95.4 percent for this year and we need your help in achieving our goal. Please fill in your attendance goal for your child below.

What attendance goal do you have for your child?

- ✓ Attendance Percentage: _____
- ✓ Number of full days/partial days missed: _____

How to reduce sick days

Use common sense when deciding whether your child is too ill to attend school. Ask yourself the following questions:

- Is my child well enough to do the activities of the school day?
- Does my child have a condition that could be passed on to other children or school staff?
- Would I take a day off work if I had this condition?

Did you know?

When the student returns, they play catch up with missed classroom activities.

When are absences a problem?



Chronic Absence
18 or more days



Warning Signs
10 to 17 days



Satisfactory
9 or fewer absences

If too many absences occur, it is still a problem whether they are excused or unexcused because they represent too much lost learning time in the classroom. Poor attendance is sometimes due to a child being unhappy at school....**Ask them about it.**

What can you do as a parent?

1. Encourage regular school attendance.
2. Arrange family holidays around the school calendar.
3. Be aware of the potential impact on your child's education.
4. Avoid taking your child out of school when they are just starting.
5. Keep track of absences on a calendar.
6. Review absences periodically in the parent portal .
7. Make a note of your school's start and end time.
8. Let your child know that you think school is important.
9. Make sure your child goes to school regularly and on time.
10. Take an interest in your child's schoolwork.
11. Provide regular times and a quiet area for doing homework.
12. Set a regular bedtime schedule.
13. Provide your child with plenty of time to get ready for school.
14. Have regular communication with the school.
15. Post the school calendar and notes on the refrigerator or another prominent location.
16. If you know your child will be absent from school, please call the school on the day of the absence or write a note before the day of absence explaining the reason for the absence.
17. Balance extracurricular activities.
18. Provide an alternate transportation plan for getting your child to school.
19. Make sure your child arrives on time.
20. Plan medical, dental, and other appointments before and after school day if possible. If appointments must be made during the school, plan them so that your child does not miss the same class each time.

