

Pre-K Attendance Matters

Early Childhood
Education

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Showing up on time every day is important to your child's success and learning.

Regular attendance is especially significant in Pre-Kindergarten, as it teaches children early that going to school on time every day, is important.

The routines that your child develops in our early childhood education program will lay the foundation for the future.

Why Pre-K Attendance Matters

School attendance has a direct impact on academic success. Frequent absences can make it harder to:

- Gain early reading and math skills
- Build relationships
- Develop good attendance habits

How to Excuse an Absence

Notify the school's office by phone or email each day that your child will be absent.

Notifying the teacher alone does **not** excuse a child's absence. Absences may be excused due to:

- **A personal illness or quarantine**
Excused with parent/legal guardian phone call or written excuse or doctor's note
- **Medical or dental appointment**
A written statement from a physician or dentist verifying the appointment may be required
- **Illness or death in the immediate household**
- **Religious holiday**

Absence FAQs

- Parents may excuse their child up to nine absences/year.
- If you are traveling, please speak with your principal ahead of time.
- Absences are calculated by the number of minutes of school missed. Late arrivals/leaving early without an excuse adds up!
- If your child accumulates 15 or more unexcused absences, they may be withdrawn from the program.
- Absences due to lack of transportation are not excused.