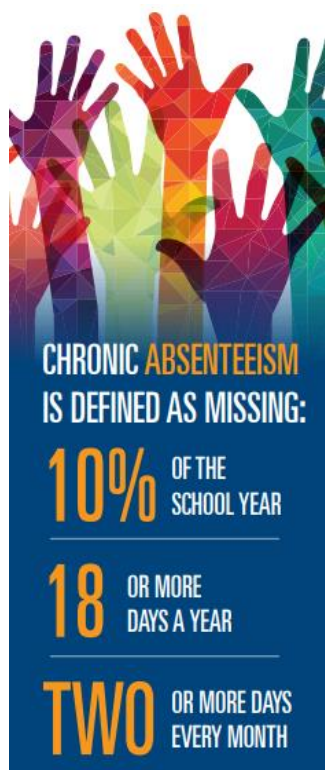




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Attendance matters – every day, on time, ready to learn

A call to action on attendance



Students who miss many days of school are academically at risk. Chronic absenteeism, missing 10 percent or more of the school days due to absence for any reason (excused, unexcused absences or suspensions), can translate into third graders unable to master reading, sixth graders failing subjects and ninth graders dropping out of high school.

Chronic absence is a solvable problem. Everett Public Schools is sharing this information with parents to help mitigate chronic absenteeism. We advise parents to help their student succeed in school by building the habit of good attendance early, so they learn right away that going to school on time and every day is important. Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves and good attendance will help children do well in high school, college and in their future careers.

Some absences are unavoidable. Children get sick and need to stay home occasionally. The important thing is to get students to school as often as possible and on time. If a student must be absent, it is very important families communicate with their child's school and report the absence.

Tips for what families can do at home to ensure regular attendance include; setting a regular bedtime and morning routine, laying out clothes and pack backpack the night before, not letting a child stay home unless they are truly sick (keep in mind complaints of stomachache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home) and avoiding medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session. If a child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors or other parents for advice on how to help them feel comfortable and excited about learning.

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