

Everett Public Schools ECEAP ATTENDANCE POLICY

Information parents receive in Parent Handbook 2011-2012 establishes attendance policy.

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All children are expected to be at preschool every day with exceptions for illness and appointments.

Why is it important to come to preschool every day?

Children who attend school regularly learn more and are more successful. ECEAP staff work hard to make preschool a welcoming and fun place where all children feel safe and connected. Children who are absent are missed by their classmates and their teachers.

Children learn from the adults around them. When we make sure they are at school every day, we show that we believe learning and education is important. We also help them develop a pattern of good attendance that they will be able to follow in the future.

When children are absent they miss out on a lot of learning! They miss carefully planned learning activities, chances to ask questions, time with other children, and opportunities to learn new words, skills and knowledge. These experiences can't really be made up. All of this means your child needs to be at preschool every day to be well prepared to start school and be successful!

What can you do?

- Please let your child know that you expect him/her to attend school every day. Just like grown ups have jobs to go to, it's his/her job to go to preschool and learn.
- Check the ECEAP calendar and information sent home so you can talk with your child about the exciting activities that are going on in the classroom.
- Plan your vacations/trips during school holidays and breaks.
- If you are having a hard time getting your child to school every day on time, please let the ECEAP staff know. They are very willing to work with you to find ways to address your child's unique needs and support his/her learning and success!

ECEAP Attendance Procedures:

- If your child is absent due to illness or appointments, you need to let your child's teacher know. Please call the teacher or come in to let us know.
- If a child is absent without communication from the parent, the ECEAP staff will contact parents.
- Students who miss three weeks or more (vacation or other reasons) will be disenrolled, placed on the waiting list and their spot filled with another child. Please plan family trips during our scheduled breaks.
- If a child has frequent absences, ECEAP staff will work with parents to try to resolve attendance issues and when appropriate, make referrals to another program that may better meet the needs of the family.