

What Parents Can Do

Teach your student that good attendance matters. Students who miss a day of school not only miss instruction, but must make up work and catch up with the new material at the same time.

Try to schedule doctor and dentist appointments in the beginning or end of the day so that your student will only miss ½ of a day of school or days students are off school.

Students will get coughs and colds during the winter, but it does not mean that they need to miss school. Collaborate with the school nurse if your student needs medication to be comfortable during the day.

Monitor your student's attendance through Infinite Campus to keep track of absences. If an absence is marked unexcused, please contact the school attendance secretary as soon as possible.

Remember that there are 180 school days out of 365 total days in the year. Families are encouraged to take vacations during the eight weeks of summer vacation, two weeks near the holidays, or over the week break in the spring.

Keep in mind that patterns are formed early. It is more difficult to break a bad habit (children begging to stay home from school "just this once") than saying "no" in the beginning.

Support Resources

Attendance Works

<http://www.attendanceworks.org/about/what-can-i-do/>

AASD Attendance Policy

http://www.aasd.k12.wi.us/UserFiles/Servers/Server_457520/File/District%20Leadership/Board%20of%20Education/Individual%20Policy%20PDF's/400s/430%20-%20Student%20Attendance.pdf

At Your School: Contact

School Attendance Officer
Principal
Teacher
Guidance Counselor



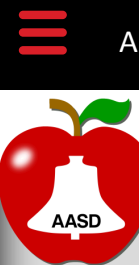
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Preparing Our Students for Their Future:
Every Child, Every Day

▶ Attendance Matters: Parents' Guide





Attendance Matters: EVERY DAY COUNTS ... attend today — achieve tomorrow!

Why Attendance Matters

The Appleton Area School District believes there is a positive relationship between school attendance and student success. It further believes that school attendance is a responsibility shared by students, parents, schools and community.

DID YOU KNOW?

- ⇒ Attendance is an important life skill that will help your student graduate from college & keep a job.
- ⇒ Missing 10%, or about 18 days, of the school year can drastically affect a student's academic success.
- ⇒ Children who were chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade were far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade.
- ⇒ By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of 3 signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- ⇒ By 9th grade, regular & high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- ⇒ The academic impact of missing that much school is the same whether the absences are excused or unexcused.

Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year.

Recent Changes to the AASD Attendance Policy (January 2016)

The student may be excused by the parent/guardian under this provision for not more than 10 days in the school year (the 10 days includes excused absences due to intermittent illness).

A student will be considered absent for a full day if they are gone more than two-thirds of a school day or combination of excused absences cumulating to more than two-thirds of a day.

Attendance Policy: AASD BOE Rule - 430

The District, in accordance with State law, requires that all students between 6 and 18 years of age (and those students enrolled in 5-year-old kindergarten) attend school regularly during the full period and hours, religious holidays excepted, that the school in which the student is enrolled is in session until the end of the school term, quarter or semester of the school year in which the student becomes 18 years of age, unless they have an acceptable excuse, meet attendance exceptions outlined in state law, or have graduated from high school. Although not required by state law, students in 4-year-old kindergarten are expected to attend 4K programming on a regular basis and excused and unexcused absences will be determined based on the procedures described in this policy. It is the responsibility of each school's attendance officer to determine if an absence is excused, unexcused, or truant.

http://www.aasd.k12.wi.us/district/board_of_education/school_policies/400s

Attendance Terms

Absence – any time a student is not in school when school is in session, including for reasons of intermittent illness, calculated in minutes.

Excused Absence - when a student is excused in writing by the parent/guardian to the school attendance officer for reasons such as intermittent illness (physical or mental health), family emergencies, religious observances or court/legal appointments, prior to or within 24 hours after an absence. Absences cannot exceed 10 days in a school year.

Attendance Officer – the designated administrator, responsible for recording and reporting attendance data.

Truancy - any absence of part or all of one or more days from school during which the school attendance officer, principal, or teacher has not been notified of the legal cause of such absence by the parent or guardian of the absent student, and also means intermittent attendance carried on for the purpose of defeating the intent of Wisconsin State Statute 118.15.

Habitual Truancy - a student is considered a habitual truant if absent from school without an acceptable excuse for part or all of five or more days on which school is held during a semester. Wisconsin State Statute 118.16(2) (cr)