

KILLINGLY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Here at Killingly Public Schools, we believe that children need to attend school today in order to achieve success tomorrow. Our goal is to ensure that every student attends school regularly.

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success starting in pre-school and continuing through high school.

When students miss too much school— **regardless of the reason** – it can cause them to fall behind academically. We realize some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. However, research shows:

- Children chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade are much less likely to read at grade level by the end of 3rd grade.
- By 6th grade, chronic absence is a proven early warning sign for students at risk for dropping out of school.
- By 9th grade **good attendance** can predict graduation rates even better than 8th grade test scores.

A child will become chronically absent if he or she misses just two days every month!! **Clearly attendance matters!** We don't want your child to fall behind in school and get discouraged. Please ensure that your child attends school and arrives on time.

Please take a moment at your school's parent teacher conference in March and stop by the Attendance Outreach table for more information.

Let us know how we can best support you and your children so that they can show up for school on time every day. If you have any questions please contact your child's school. **We want your child to be successful in school!**

Sincerely,

Steve Rioux
Assistant Superintendent of Schools



ATTENDANCE MATTERS - SCHOOL SUCCESS GOES HAND AND HAND WITH GOOD ATTENDANCE
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