

Attendance

Makes a Difference

Your child's teachers will do their best to help your child learn and succeed in school. But there is one thing *only you can do*—get him or her to school every day.

Children who don't attend school regularly fall behind. They can have a hard time making and keeping friends—especially in elementary school.

Show your child and his/her teachers that you know attendance counts:

- Communicate the importance of regular school attendance to your child so they are hearing the same thing we are saying at school
- Make dental and other appointments during non-school hours.
- Avoid taking your child out of school on exam days.
- Keep track of your child's absences.
- Communicate with us if your child is expressing a worry about being in school so we can help address it.

***Every
school day
counts***

Attendance patterns are formed early in life. Children who develop good attendance habits early on continue them throughout their school career and life.

IMPORTANT

If your student does miss school, please contact the office alerting them to the reason for the absence.

Elementary Office 518-295-6652

Elementary Nurse 518-295-6660

High School 518-295-6635

High School Nurse 518-295-6634

A reminder:

***Send a written
excuse upon
return.***

Schoharie Central School District



IN THE PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

**School
Attendance
Matters:
ATTEND
TODAY,
ACHIEVE
TOMORROW**

SCHOHARIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Attendance Policy

The following procedures have been established for unexcused absences:

- 1) After being absent, tardy 5 times and/or early leaves:
 - a) Phone call home
 - b) Written notification will be sent home
- 2) After being absent, tardy 10 times and/or early leaves:
 - a) Phone call home
 - b) Written notification will be sent home
 - c) The parent will call the school nurse each subsequent time the student is absent or tardy
- 3) After being absent, tardy 15 times and/or early leaves:
 - a) Home visit by school personnel
- 4) After being absent, tardy 20 times:
 - a) A conference with the administration, school nurse, and guidance counselor or social worker in order to decide upon a course of action, which could include filing a PINS (Person in Need of Supervision) petition with Family Court/Hotline call to Child Protective Services (CPS)
 - b) A letter from your child's physician will be required for each future absence.

Attendance counts!

Be here.

Every day, all day, all the way.

GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS ...

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

Read well by the end of third grade

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

Pass important courses

HIGH SCHOOLERS

Stay on track for graduation

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Earn their degrees

WORKERS

Succeed in their jobs

Too many absences –excused or unexcused–can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year—that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track.

Absences

In the event your child is absent from school, please send in a written note of excuse with him/her on the day he/she returns to school, as required by NYS law. Please include in the note the date of absence/tardiness and the reason for the absence. It is school policy that if an excuse is not received within three days of the absence, it will be recorded as an illegal absence.

According to NYS law, legal absences include:

- Student sickness
- Death in the family
- Doctor's appointments
- Religious observations

According to NYS law, illegal absences include:

- Oversleeping
- Visiting
- Going on vacation
- Missing the bus

Research shows that attendance is an important factor in student achievement.

Strive for ...
Perfect Attendance