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Dear Parents and Guardians

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School attendance is a critical component in order to ensure that students are successful throughout a school year. Elementary school students are at the age where they are beginning to develop habits that will shape their future. Students who attend school daily will have a better opportunity to enjoy their school environment and become confident about their schoolwork.

What constitutes an excused or unexcused absence as defined by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE)?

What is an Excused Absence?

An excused absence is when a student is absent for an illness, family emergency, death of a family member, medical or dental appointments, and educational travel, with prior arrangement. Even if your child is absent for one day, you should provide his or her teacher or principal with a note explaining the absence.

What is an Unexcused Absence?

An unexcused absence is when a student misses one or more days from school without a valid, written excuse from a parent/guardian or doctor within three days of the original absence.

For additional questions or concerns regarding excused and unexcused absences, please contact the School Parent Liaison. Thank you.