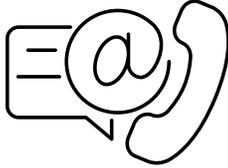


Building a Culture of Attendance

At EMCS Attendance Matters

Rates of chronic absenteeism (students missing 10% or more of the school year) have increased in recent years. Regular attendance is essential for student learning, wellbeing, and future success. At EMCS, attendance is about more than being physically present; it reflects responsibility, connection, and preparation for life beyond school. We recognize that students and families bring different circumstances and barriers, and we are committed to combining **clear expectations**, **supportive systems**, and **early intervention** to help every student attend consistently and meaningfully.

Supportive Systems and Early Intervention

 <p>Good attendance takes teamwork. We rely on support at home: routines and structures.</p>	 <p>Parents & Caregivers: please log into MyEdBC to track students attendance.</p>	 <p>The school emails families when students have unexcused absences.</p>
 <p>Due to improved data collection, the school will contact you if we notice concerning patterns.</p>	 <p>School based team for identifying chronic absenteeism and implement supports.</p>	 <p>Parents/Caregiver communication with the school if their student will be absent, late and/or need to sign out early.</p>

Definitions:

Late	<p>If you are arriving 5 minutes after the bell go to the office to get a late slip</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● This data is recorded for intervention, if patterns emerge
Absent	<p>A student is marked absent if they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Do not attend class, or● Miss more than half of the class, including not returning after a break (at teacher's discretion)● Automated email is sent home if a student is marked absent
Leaving early	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Students must sign out at the office for safety reasons● We expect students to stay until the end of the school day: please arrange work and transportation schedules to align with our school day● Leaving to catch a bus for convenience is not acceptable
Excused Absence	<p>An excused absence is an absence that has been communicated by the caregiver to the school. Examples include: illness, medical or other appointments and/or family emergencies.</p> <p><i>Parents/caregivers are asked to contact the school office to excuse an absence. Please avoid calling or texting your student during instructional time.</i></p>

Why attendance is important:

Being in class supports learning, connection, and routine



Builds work habits and life skills



Strengthens communication between home and school

