



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

This holiday season, help your student stay on track—every day in school matters! Being in class every day and on time builds strong learning and lasting success.

Why Daily Attendance Matters

We know the holidays are a special time for family and celebrating your culture. But absences often increase before and after winter break, and every day of learning counts.

- **Every Day Matters:** Missing just two days a month adds up to almost 10% of the school year.
- **Falling Behind:** Students who miss about 18 days a year can struggle to keep up, even if the absences are excused.
- **In-Class Learning:** Homework can't replace the learning and fun that happens in class.
- **Don't Miss Out!** There are lots of fun activities before break—your student won't want to miss them!
- **Social Interaction:** Regularly attending school builds friendships, relationships, and confidence.

When Absences are Unavoidable

We understand that extending a family trip may be unavoidable. **If missing school 3 or more days is necessary, please contact the attendance clerk at your site to request an Independent Study Contract.** Please allow ample time for classroom teachers to assign student work. Students must complete assignments to maintain positive attendance and to be eligible for future Independent Study contracts.

