

What to Know About Absences this School Year

It has and always will be important for students to be in school every day and on time that they are able to. Decades of research has shown that missing just ten days of school in kindergarten can lead to future struggles in school. Last year really showed us how important it is for our students to be in school as we experienced heart-breaking learning loss among our students. Here's what to expect as we move into the 2021-2022 school year.

Absences

If your student is ill, **PLEASE** keep them at home. Expect these absences to be treated as they always were: Notify the school of your child's illness and they will have the opportunity to make up any missed school work over the same number of days they were absent. If your student is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 such as fever, cough, sluggishness or nausea our school nurse will reach out to parents or guardians to pick their student up immediately. If your student rides one of our buses and is sick or it has been determined that they have been in close contact with a person that tested positive for COVID-19 they will not be allowed to ride the bus home from school.

Quarantine

This year, it is possible that your student may be required to quarantine due to exposure to COVID-19. If you are aware that your scholar has been exposed to COVID-19, you must notify the school immediately. Your student could miss as many as 10 school days. During this time if your student is not experiencing any symptoms, we will make arrangements based on his or her age, classroom schedule, and school support personnel. Younger children can expect short "touch base" google meet with their teacher as well as completing work using our online "seesaw" learning platform. Older students may be asked to login to their classroom for extended periods of time and to complete work at home during the school day.

If your student is exposed while at school, resulting in a large number of students in a single classroom needing to quarantine, the classroom teacher may resume a short period of remote learning.

Please help us avoid needing to quarantine any of our students by encouraging your child to wear their mask while indoors at school and elsewhere, by maintaining frequent handwashing, and practicing social distancing when possible.

Your Partner in Education,

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