

Don't Check Out Yet! The Final Push to Holiday Break



The excitement for the holidays is building, but we only have 14 instructional days left until the well-deserved break! This is the most critical time to maintain strong attendance and focus.

Skipping a day or checking out now will create a much bigger headache later. Let's finish 2025 strong.

Why Attendance is Crucial Right Now

Consistent attendance in these final two weeks is non-negotiable for success. Why?

- **You Miss Critical Information:**
 - Teachers are wrapping up major units and introducing key concepts.
 - Education is cumulative; teachers build on knowledge daily. Missing even one class can mean missing a vital piece of the puzzle or a foundational concept. This creates learning gaps that compound over time, making it much harder to catch up.
- **Preparation for Screening Assessments:**
 - Teachers are preparing for the administration of screening tests (like i-Ready) to gauge current progress and identify areas where extra support is needed.
 - Being present is essential for receiving review, key instructions, and taking these critical assessments accurately.
- **Assessment & Instruction:**
 - Students who attend regularly are present for key instructions, review sessions, and graded work (quizzes, presentations, etc.).
 - Being present ensures you receive the full benefit of teacher instruction and are able to ask questions and clarify doubts or confusion immediately.
- **Reading Proficiency Link:**
 - Studies consistently show that chronic absenteeism, especially in early grades (Kindergarten to 3rd grade), is linked to students struggling to read proficiently by the end of third grade. This is a critical milestone, as students transition from learning to read to reading to learn.

Let's Finish 2025 Strong

Challenge students to:

- Be present for every class.
- Ask questions about anything they are unsure of.
- Utilize extra help when needed.



Chronic Absenteeism

Chronic Absenteeism Defined: A student is considered chronically absent if they miss 10% or more of the school year—for any reason (excused or unexcused). This threshold is typically met by missing 18 days or more within a standard 180-day school year.

Chronic absenteeism severely negatively impacts a student's academic and social development, making it difficult for students to read proficiently by the third grade, succeed in middle school, and graduate from high school on time.

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