



Ovid-Elsie Area Schools

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Dear Ovid-Elsie Families,

At Ovid-Elsie Area Schools, we want every student to have the best opportunity to learn, grow, build relationships, and be successful. One of the simplest ways we can support that success is by helping our students be in school and in class as much as possible.

This year, schools throughout our county are working together to promote strong student attendance. As part of this effort, your family will receive an [attendance magnet](#) that includes:

- A school calendar highlighting days off, half-days, and other important dates
- An attendance tracker to help you keep track of the number of school days your child has missed

As a parent myself, I'll be using this same magnet at home with my own son. My hope is that it gives all of us a simple reminder of just how quickly missed days can add up.

Why does attendance matter?

Every day at school matters. Being in class gives students opportunities to learn from their teachers, participate with their classmates, and stay connected to their school community.

Missing just two days of school each month can add up to approximately 10% of the entire school year. Over time, those missed days can make it more difficult for students to keep up academically and stay connected.

Perfect attendance is not our goal. We understand that students get sick, families have important needs, and some absences simply cannot be avoided. We don't want students coming to school when they should be home recovering.

Instead, we are asking families to partner with us in making attendance a priority when students are healthy and able to attend. When possible, please use the calendar to schedule appointments, vacations, and other activities during times when school is not in session.

And if your family is experiencing a challenge that is making regular attendance difficult, please reach out to us. We want to work with you and help remove barriers that may be keeping your child from being at school.

Every day in class is another opportunity to learn, connect, and grow.

In Class Is Where It's At!

Thank you for partnering with Ovid-Elsie Area Schools to help our students be present, engaged, and ready to learn.

Go Marauders!

Mark Horak
Superintendent