

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Every day counts, as regular attendance helps students to:

- develop a sense of belonging
- develop and maintain friendships
- be more engaged at school
- progress with their learning
- be more aware of career and life options.

Supporting positive school attendance is a shared responsibility — everyone has a role.

## ATTENDANCE – LCSB POLICY 5200

All students are expected to attend all classes each day that school is in session.

Chronic absenteeism or chronic unexcused absences can be detrimental to a student's academic performance and could result in a disciplinary consequence such as suspension of a student's driver's license, losing a School Choice assignment, or be recommended for expulsion. Furthermore, excessive absenteeism could lead to possible court appearances by the parent/legal guardian. It is the parent/legal guardian's responsibility to clarify student absences such as submitting documentation to excuse absences, and making sure correct contact information is on file for a school to notify you of any absences.

The following absences may be excused with the proper documentation:

- A. Illness and/or medical care
- B. Death in the family
- C. Legal reasons
- D. Financial conditions
- E. Religious Holidays (Religious Holiday(s)/Observance(s) exemption forms shall be available), and
- F. Prearranged absences for educational purposes approved by an administrator

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If you have attendance questions or want to report absenteeism, please contact one of the following LCS Attendance Community Liaisons:

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