

Dear Parents:

Welcome to another school year! We hope that this will be a pleasant year full of new challenges and much learning for both you and your child.

The Attendance Assistance Program is able to observe how school attendance can affect students, academically and emotionally. Common sense tells us that a student with regular attendance will better grasp materials taught in the classroom and have an easier time completing assignments and tests on schedule. Those students missing a number of days of school will quite often be “playing catch up” while trying to stay on task with current material and assignments. After a bit this becomes a very tiring task that will eventually take it’s toll on the child’s self-esteem, something that will only make things worse.

Please read your school’s attendance policy provided in the handbook and ask the principal if you have any questions. These policies are made to provide your child with the best education possible.

Habits form early, so encourage good attendance from your child’s first day of school and throughout his/her whole school career. **GOOD ATTENDANCE WILL PAY OFF!**

If your child does not want to go to school, *PLEASE* contact his/her teacher or principal so that appropriate steps can be taken to help your child before a bigger problem is created.

Sincerely yours,

ATTENDANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM