

## Student Attendance

School is preparation for future life. It is important that habits of regular attendance be developed. Regular attendance establishes a pattern of responsibility and commitment that will serve students throughout their lives, including post-high school education and the workplace.

Consistent school attendance has a high positive correlation to academic success and school completion. A student's contribution and achievement in class are directly related to attendance. Research shows that students learn best when they attend school every day. When students miss school, they miss important lessons and essential skills they need for academic success. Students and parents/guardians must understand that students miss a vital portion of their education when they are absent from class. Activities that take place in the classroom are a vital part of the teaching-learning process. Teachers will communicate with students and parents/guardians about the effect of attendance upon student achievement and success in their class and in their lives as adults.

East Dakota Educational Cooperative programs and attendance centers will require regular attendance and will establish rules concerning acceptable and unacceptable absences and limits.

Parents are obligated to see that school age students attend school regularly. Incidences of truancy will be reported to relevant authorities.

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