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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The more you go---the more you know!

Please call the school at 778-9388 to report your child's absence. A note will also be required upon return, explaining the reason for their absence. Absences that are not verified by a parent call and note are considered trancies.

The average number of absences for students in Indiana is less than 8 per year-that's less than one absence per month!

Studies indicate that high absenteeism is often a predictor of student's poor academic performance, drug use, delinquent or criminal behavior and even dropping out of school.

We want to work together to make sure your child attends school regularly as required by the Indiana Compulsory Attendance Laws. If there are circumstances that are interfering with your child's attendance please contact us immediately so we may try to help resolve those issues.

Please be aware that if your child is missing frequently your child's attendance may be referred to the Attendance Officer. The attendance officer could require you to produce a doctor's excuse for each day your child is absent. The Attendance Officer could also issue a legal notice, or refer you to Project Attend, which is a joint effort between Probation, Child Services, the Court and the Schools aimed at reducing excessive absenteeism.

Under extreme non-attendance situations, the parent can be referred to the Prosecutor's Office for violation of the compulsory attendance laws. Every day a child is unlawfully absent; the parent can be punished by a fine of \$1,000 or jail time of up to six months.

Thank you in advance for making sure your child attends daily in order to derive the maximum benefit of their education.