



ROLLING RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION

Help Your Child Succeed in School:

Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (approximately 2 days a month or 18 days per year) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Students who have a pattern of absenteeism beginning in grade 1 are more likely to drop out of school.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school – and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they can learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Tell your child their education matters. Their job is to attend school on time every day.
- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to a teacher, school counselor, or principal on how to support your child to feel comfortable going to school and learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call a family member, a neighbor, or other parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.
- Keep track of how many days your child has missed school.

WHEN DO ABSENCES BECOME A PROBLEM?



CHRONIC ABSENCE

18 days or more



WARNING SIGNS

10 to 17 days



GOOD ATTENDANCE

9 or fewer absences

Note: These numbers assume a 187-day school year.