

Attendance Matters...

because school comes first.

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because being present and on time has a positive impact on all learning. It starts in the early years.

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because when your child attends every day they are building habits that last a lifetime.

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because your child will feel connected academically and socially when they attend.

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because when students are absent or late from school it affects the whole classroom.

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because when your child is present they can make a difference to their school community.

For More Information

If you have any questions or concerns, contact your child's teacher or school Principal/Vice-Principal.



www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca

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In Anglophone School District South



We Need You Engaged In
Your Child's Learning

Questions to Ponder

- **If I know that my child is going to be away from school, should I inform the school?**

Yes, it is a good idea to inform the school. Communication between home and school is very important and welcomed by your child's teacher/school. The procedure for letting your child's teacher know of any absences will be clearly outlined for you, at the beginning of the school year. Remember, if your child is sick, the best place for them to get better and to prevent the spread of germs, is home.

- **Can I take my child out of school for family or social reasons?**

Situations are going to arise where your child is absent from school, due to family or social reasons. A couple of thoughts to keep in mind: (1) It is important to limit the number of days your child is absent from school. Check the school calendar (www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca) to determine if you can arrange these activities around days when classes are not scheduled for students. (2) If your child has to be away from school, make arrangements to do what you can at home but remember, you cannot make-up lost instructional time..... "Attendance Matters".

- **Does the occasional day away from school really affect my child's education?**

Yes, being in school every day is extremely important both academically and socially. When you miss a day you scramble to get "caught-up" and a piece of the puzzle is missing. Socially, being in school every day helps to form habits that impact on your child's future, i.e., the child who attends school every day is more likely as an adult, to be at work every day. Every day at school makes a difference.

- **How will extracurricular activities (school & non-school based) affect my child's education?**

"School comes first"- your child's daily attendance, working to their potential, completed lessons/assignments; these are essential components of success at school. Involvement in extracurricular activities can be a valuable and positive component of their ongoing growth and development. They provide an excellent opportunity to teach the importance of a well-rounded and well-balanced lifestyle, while at the same time teaching the importance of being responsible and committed to their education.

- **As a parent am I responsible to ensure that my child is up-to-date with school work when they are present?**

It is so important to remember that a child's success at school is best assured if home, school and student are working together. Parents' interest in what is happening at school sends the message that school is important. Making sure that your child's work is up-to-date reinforces the message that education will make a difference in their future.

You hold the greatest influence with your children.

Make attendance matter from Kindergarten to Grade 12.

What You Can Expect From Your Child's School....

- A welcoming environment.
- Classrooms that are engaging and meaningful.
- Student attendance that is monitored regularly.
- Contact with home at the first sign of irregular attendance.
- Support and advice when your child will not go to school.
- A team of professionals who care about your child's well-being