

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TIPS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS & GUARDIANS EVERY DAY COUNTS!



A student who misses class is a student who misses learning. With a little extra support, many school absences can be easily avoided. By encouraging and supporting your child's attendance, you will help your child learn, build lasting friendships, and develop the skills and attitudes needed to become a good citizen and a valuable member of the community.

- ✓ Get your child to school **on time, every day**, and make sure homework assignments are complete.
- ✓ Baby sitting duty, car trouble, and missing the bus are considered **unexcused absences** and will go on your child's permanent record.
- ✓ Extended vacations, long weekends and frequent doctor appointments scheduled during school hours will cause your child to **fall behind** in class.
- ✓ Being in school every day **increases your child's chances** of being successful and scoring well on important tests throughout the year.
- ✓ Follow the proper school guidelines for **reporting excused absences** in a timely manner.
- ✓ Allow your child to stay home **only when** he/she has a **contagious** illness or is too sick to be comfortable.
- ✓ Encourage your child to **exercise**, eat a **balanced diet**, and **get plenty of sleep**. This will help him/her to be mentally and physically ready to learn, and strengthen the immune system.
- ✓ **Read all information** sent home by the school. Post important dates on a family bulletin board or on the refrigerator.
- ✓ Tell your child future employers will not accept excuses for frequent absences and tardies.
- ✓ **Resources are available** to help with parenting skills, communicating with your child, and encouraging him/her to take school seriously. Ms. Christian or Mrs. Sharpe, your School Counselors, at (434) 315-2120 ext. 3236 or ext. 3227.

**BELIEVE that
EVERY DAY COUNTS
AND WATCH YOUR
CHILD SOAR to NEW
HEIGHTS!**

For more information on how you can help students in school please contact:
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