

JOHN MARSHALL

ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER

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WHAT IS CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM?

Absenteeism is considered chronic when absences reach 10% or more versus the number of days of school. For example, if your child is absent 14 days out of 125 school days, that is 11%. It is important to communicate with the school when your child is ill and to call in his/her absence. Making school attendance a priority is key to your child's education and future.

SCHOOL NOTIFICATION

AS A REMINDER PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT. [732] 650-5370

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT ATTENDANCE PLEASE SEE OUR HANDBOOK

[HTTPS://MAR.EDISON.K12.NJ.US/PARENTS/JOHN-MARSHALL-PARENT-HANDBOOK-2022-2023](https://mar.edison.k12.nj.us/parents/john-marshall-parent-handbook-2022-2023)

WHY IS ATTENDANCE IMPORTANT?

1. As many as one in six students in the United States miss enough school to be considered chronically absent, according to the US Department of Education
2. Irregular attendance can be a better predictor of whether students will drop out of school before graduation than test scores, according to the US Department of Education
3. The correlation between attendance and dropout rates has important ramifications that go beyond the classroom. Compared to their peers who graduate, students who fail to graduate are more likely to confront economic, health, and criminal justice struggles.



JOHN MARSHALL **SUPPORTS STUDENTS**

- FOSTERING A POSITIVE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT
- BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS
- ACADEMIC CHALLENGES AND ENGAGEMENT
- PHYSICAL & EMOTIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY
- BELONGING, CONNECTION, & SUPPORT
 - SCHOOL COUNSELOR
 - MENTORING
- FAMILY ENGAGEMENT NIGHTS
 - MATH ACADEMY
 - HEALTH FAIR
 - CLUBS
- SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

References:

<https://soeonline.american.edu/blog/importance-of-school-attendance/>

<https://www.attendanceworks.org/chronic-absence/addressing-chronic-absence/3-tiers-of-intervention/>

STRATEGIES FOR PARENTS

- TALK WITH YOUR CHILD. CONVERSATIONS ARE THE FIRST STEP TO UNDERSTANDING ROOT CAUSES AND WORKING TOWARD A SOLUTION.
- CONTACT THE SCHOOL. TEACHERS, COUNSELORS, AND ADMINISTRATORS MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT HELPS DETERMINE WHAT IS CAUSING YOUR CHILD TO MISS SCHOOL.
- CONSIDER A DISCUSSION WITH THE TEACHER AND GUIDANCE COUNSELOR ON WAYS TO BEST SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WHO MIGHT BE STRUGGLING WITH ACADEMICS.
- SET ATTENDANCE GOALS WITH YOUR CHILD. CREATING A PLAN AND TRACKING PROGRESS CAN ENCOURAGE BETTER ATTENDANCE.
- SIMPLE STEPS SUCH AS MAKING SURE YOUR CHILD GETS ENOUGH SLEEP AND TAKING STEPS TO PREPARE FOR SCHOOL THE DAY OR NIGHT BEFORE CAN ALSO BE EFFECTIVE.