



Rochester Childfirst Network

SERVING CHILDREN SINCE 1857

PRE-K AND SMILE ATTENDANCE STATEMENT

SCHOOL SUCCESS BEGINS WITH ATTENDANCE!

Being a good student starts with good attendance. Your child can't succeed if he/she doesn't show up. If your child is absent 2 to 3 days of school per month, he/she will miss an entire month by the end of the school year! Sending your child to school is the right thing to do.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Talk to your child about the importance of attending school every day.
- Good attendance starts the night before school. Children need about 9 to 11 hours of sleep. When the lights go out, so should the cell phones, video games, televisions, and computers.
- Get to know the adults in your child's school-from teachers to administrators. They might be aware of any problems, like bullying, that your child may be facing.
- Be sure that your child's school has your current address and phone numbers where you can be reached.
- If you need assistance establishing a schedule for your child, please let us know.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What does the attendance policy say?

All students, including those with disabilities, must maintain a satisfactory level of attendance. All students are expected to strive for 100% attendance.

What should I do when my child is absent from school?

Call RCN 473-2858 to let us know, or send in a written note explaining your child's absence. If there is no written or verbal communication regarding a child's absence from school, that absence is considered unexcused.

What will happen if my child does not attend school regularly?

The school will make every effort to work with you and your family so that the student attends school. If our attempts do not result in improved attendance, your child may be removed from the program.

EXCUSED ABSENCES INCLUDE:

- Illness* (excessive absences due to health or medical problems must be documented by a doctor's statement)
- Doctor Appointments (having your child come in before or after an appointment is encouraged)
- Court Appearances
- Religious observances
- Death of a family member

I have read Rochester Childfirst Network's Attendance Policy and agree to the policy of excused and unexcused absences. I understand that it is my responsibility to contact RCN each day that my child will not be in school, and that ten (10) unexcused absences through the school year (September-June) could result in the dismissal from the program.

Child's Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date