

FAMILY ATTENDANCE TOOLKIT

Because great days start with you.



**MAKE
TODAY
COUNT**



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
PHILADELPHIA





Great days start with you!

Getting your child to school every day, on time can be a challenge. But it's one of the most important ways you can help them succeed.

CHILDREN WHO ATTEND SCHOOL REGULARLY ARE MORE LIKELY TO:

- ✓ Read at grade level
- ✓ Pass math assessments
- ✓ Feel like part of the school community
- ✓ Build lasting, meaningful friendships
- ✓ Graduate high school



HOW FAMILIES CAN BOOST SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Champion your child's school success.

Let them know you care about school because when you're excited, they are too. Try tracking and celebrating weekly attendance goals.

Make a backup plan for getting to school on time.

It's so important to have people in your life who have your back. Ask family, friends, or neighbors to be your school drop-off back up. And be theirs too.

Share your current contact information with your school.

We're here to help. Stay connected so we can share attendance updates, answer your questions, and connect you to resources.





6 Things to Remember About Our ATTENDANCE POLICY



All absences require an excuse note. No matter the reason.



You have 3 days to send an excuse note to school after your child is absent.



Arriving late or leaving early hurts your child's school performance and attendance record.



Your child is considered truant when they have 3 or more unexcused absences.



We're here to help. If you have questions or challenges getting to school on time, reach out.



You can view the District's full attendance policy online.

[philasd.org/studentrights/
programsservices/attendance-truancy](https://philasd.org/studentrights/programsservices/attendance-truancy)



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Let's celebrate weekly attendance.

Showing up adds up. Fill in a star each week you make it to school every day, on time!

August	☆	☆	☆	☆	☆
September	☆	☆	☆	☆	☆
October	☆	☆	☆	☆	☆
November	☆	☆	☆	☆	☆
December	☆	☆	☆	☆	☆
January	☆	☆	☆	☆	☆
February	☆	☆	☆	☆	☆
March	☆	☆	☆	☆	☆
April	☆	☆	☆	☆	☆
May	☆	☆	☆	☆	☆
June	☆	☆	☆	☆	☆
July	☆	☆	☆	☆	☆

DREAM BIG!

WE GOT THIS!

SHARE YOUR TALENTS!



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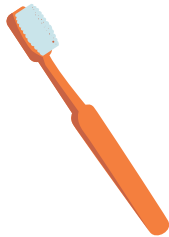
MORNING ROUTINE

Write your family's plan for a great morning.



I wake up at

_____ o'clock



I brush my teeth for

_____ minutes



My favorite way to say goodbye is



I get to school by

_____ AM

I'M AN ATTENDANCE HERO

I have the
power to learn
and grow
strong.

I used my
super speed to
get to school
on time.



I mastered
my family's
mighty morning
routine!

NAME



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STUDENT NAME _____

CLASSROOM _____

DATE(S) ABSENT _____

ABSENCE EXCUSE NOTE

PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

Don't forget, you have 3 days from your child's absence to submit an excuse note to their school. Also, you will need to submit a doctor's note if your child is absent for 3 or more days in a row.



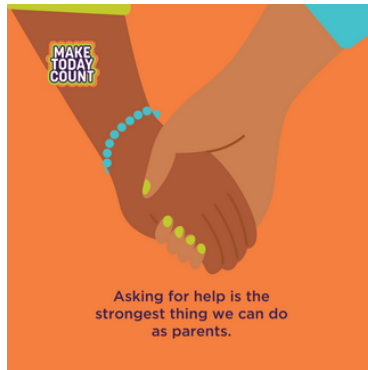
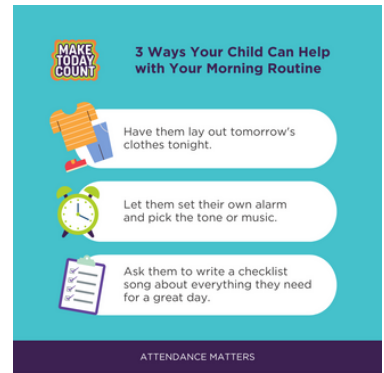
SOCIAL MEDIA GRAPHICS LIBRARY

The best attendance tips come from family and friends.

We all know that attendance is important, but sometimes we could use a little reminder. Share these graphics on social media and share what works for your family.



SCAN OR VISIT
ready4th.org/initiatives-family/attendance-toolkit





YOUR SCHOOL NURSE IS HERE FOR YOU.

We want to make sure your child is healthy, thriving, and ready to learn.

Student Health Services
studenthealth@philasd.org
215-400-4920
philasd.org/studenthealth

YOU CAN TALK TO YOUR SCHOOL NURSE ABOUT:

- If your child is too sick to come to school
- Health records and required vaccines
- Chronic health conditions and medical needs
- How to access affordable healthcare
- The latest updates to the District's health policy



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FAMILY RESOURCES

If your family is facing challenges that make it hard to get to school, check out these resources or reach out to your school for support.

FAMILY SUPPORT

DHS Family Empowerment Services (FES)
215-683-4000
phila.gov/programs/family-empowerment-services-fes
Case management services, support with health, financial, heating, electrical, and transportation.

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE

The Early Learning Resource Center
215-382-4762
philadelphiachildcare.org
Assistance paying for childcare and other early childhood supports.

MULTILINGUAL + IMMIGRANT

Office of Multilingual Family Support
215-400-4180
philasd.org/face/multilingual
Bilingual Counseling Assistants who speak more than 30 languages.

Nationalities Services Center
215-893-8400
nationalitiesservice.org
Free and low-cost translation and interpretation services.

HEALTH + WELLNESS

Physical Health

Talk with your school's nurse if you're not sure if your child is too sick for school.

City Health Centers
Call 311
phila.gov/services/mental-physical-health/city-health-centers
Affordable health services. Small fee based on income if uninsured.

Student Health Services
215-400-4920
philasd.org/studenthealth
District's latest health policy information.

Mental Health & Drug and Alcohol Support

Network of Care
philadelphia.pa.networkofcare.org/mh
Mental health and behavioral counseling for children and families.

Community Behavioral Health
215-413-3100
215-686-4420 (crisis hotline)
dbhids.org/community-behavioral-health
Mental health and substance abuse treatment.

INTERNET

PHL ConnectED
Call 211
phila.gov/programs/phlconnected
Free internet access for pre-K-12 families through summer 2022.



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FAMILY RESOURCES

FOOD + NUTRITION

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
215-430-0556
Benefits to buy food at supermarkets, corner stores, and most farmers' markets.

Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
1-800-743-3300
wicprograms.org/ci/pa-philadelphia
New moms, pregnant women, and children under 5 can receive food, health screenings, and nutrition counseling.

The Coalition Against Hunger
215-430-0556 (SNAP hotline)
hungercoalition.org
Get connected to food pantries across the city and help securing SNAP benefits.

EMERGENCY FUNDS + FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Education for Children & Youth Experiencing Homelessness
philasd.org/homeless/
programsservices/emergency-funding
Emergency funds may be available to assist in unexpected crises.

Cradles to Crayons Family Assistance
215-731-7140
cradlestocrayons.org/philadelphia/family-assistance
Help getting family essentials and more.

Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare
800-692-7462
Cash, medical, and energy assistance.

EMERGENCY HOUSING

Office of Homeless Services
215-686-7177 (Homeless Prevention Hotline)
philadelphiaofficeofhomelesservices.org
Emergency housing, case management, and support finding long-term housing.

Office of Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness
215-400-4830, Option 4
philasd.org/homeless
Help with uniforms, coats, tutoring, transportation, and emergency funding.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Women Against Abuse
1-866-723-3014 (24-hour hotline)
215-386-1280
womenagainstabuse.org
Support, counseling, safety planning, and shelter.

WOAR (Women Organized Against Rape)
215-985-3333 (24-hour hotline)
woar.org
Support, trauma-informed therapy, service guidance.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Philadelphia Legal Assistance
215-981-3800
philalegal.org
Legal advice and referrals for clients with financial constraints.