

MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT!



St. Stephen Elementary School



Promotes



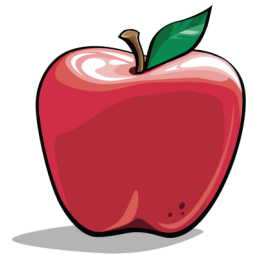
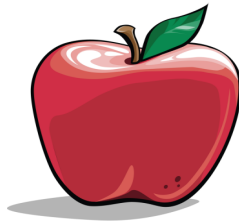
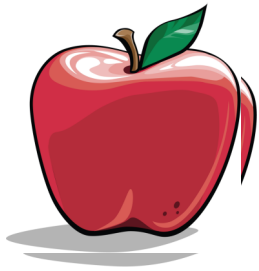
Regular Student Attendance

Things We Know About School Attendance

- * Your children can suffer academically if they miss only 10 percent of school days or about 18 days. That can be just one day every two weeks, and that can happen before you know it.
- * It doesn't matter if these absences are excused or unexcused. They all represent lost time in the classroom and a lost opportunity to learn.
- * Attendance matters as early as kindergarten. Studies show many children who miss too many days in kindergarten and first grade can struggle academically in later years. They often have trouble mastering reading by the end of third grade.
- * Preschool is a great time to start building a habit of good attendance. Studies show that poor attendance in preschool can predict absenteeism in later grades that may lead to student drop out.
- * Too many absent students can affect the whole classroom by slowing down instruction.
- * By middle and high school, chronic absence is a leading warning sign that a student will drop out.
- * Arriving at school late means that students miss valuable instruction.

Parents Can Make A Difference!

- * Avoid extended vacations that require your children to miss school. Try to line up vacations with the school's schedule/calendar. The same goes for doctor's appointments.
- * For younger children, you can set a regular bedtime and morning routine. Make sure they get 9 to 11 hours of sleep. You can lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- * For older children, you can help set homework and bedtime routines that allow for 8 ½ to 9 ½ hours of sleep. Make sure that when the lights go out, so do the cell phones, TVs, video games and computers.
- * Get to know the teachers and administrators. With younger children, make sure you introduce your child to teachers before school starts and keep in touch with the teachers. Above all, set an example for your child. Show him or her that attendance matters to you and that you won't allow an absence unless someone is truly sick.
- * You can turn to the school for help.



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Addresses

Absence from School

SSES protocols for contacting parents:

5 days absent or tardy...1st phone call to parent from teacher

10 days absent or tardy...1st phone call to parent from

Administration

15 days absent or tardy....2nd phone call to parent from

Administration

Continued absence or tardiness... Standard letter to parent

including data about the child's absence

or tardiness; sent from the Administration

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**Teachers and Administrators care about your child and want the**

**best for their educational experience. If issues persist that**

**contribute to chronic absence from school, please contact the**

**Teacher/Principal. They may have some suggestions to help you.**

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