



The Importance of Good Attendance

High school attendance is crucial for several reasons, including academics, mental health, socialization, and extracurricular activities.

Reporting an Absence

We encourage families to use email for communicating student absences, this includes appointments or other student absences.

attendance@wilmoths.k12.wi.us or by phone at **(262)-862-2351 Press 1**

Student Absences

Per the state of Wisconsin, students are allowed 10 school absences, ***including illness and late to school***. Absences will be considered truant after the 10 are used.

If the proper medical documentation is provided, it will not count toward the 10 student absences.

Truant

A student will be considered **truant** if he or she is absent part or all of one or more days from school and the High School Office has yet to be notified by a parent/ guardian.

A student is considered a **habitual truant** if he or she is absent from school without an acceptable excuse for part or all of five (5) or more days on which school is held during a school semester.

The WUHS District reserves the right to verify statements and investigate absences from school.



Keep Your Child On Track in Middle and High School: Pay Attention to Attendance

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can affect a student's academic success.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Make school attendance a priority

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- Help your children maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and non-urgent related medical appointments during the school day.
- Keep your student healthy. If you are concerned about about a contagious illness, call your school or health care provider.
- If your children must stay home because they are sick, make sure they have asked teachers for resources and materials to make up for the missed learning time in the classroom.

Help your teen stay engaged

- Find out if your children feel engaged by their classes, and feel safe from bullies and other threats.
- Make sure your teens are not missing class because of challenges with behavioral issues or school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, contact the school and work with them to find a solution.
- Monitor you teen's academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors when necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage your child to join meaningful after-school activities, including sports and clubs.
- Support your students if you notice signs of anxiety, and if needed, seek advice from your school or health provider

Communicate with the school

- Know the school's attendance policy – incentives and penalties.
- Check on your child's attendance to be sure absences are not adding up.
- Seek help from school staff, other parents, or community agencies if you need support.

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