



Attendance Matters: Information for Parents and Caregivers

Every Day Counts HUB | School District 46

Student Absences: Supporting Learning and Well-being

We recognize that there may be times when students are absent from school due to family needs, medical concerns, or other personal circumstances. Every day a student is present is a meaningful opportunity to learn, grow, and connect. While occasional absences are sometimes unavoidable, regular attendance remains one of the strongest predictors of student success, well-being, and long-term engagement in learning.

During any absence, families are encouraged to maintain a sense of learning continuity by supporting their child with activities such as daily reading, writing, conversation, and reflection. These small, intentional efforts can make a significant difference in maintaining routines and supporting academic confidence and social-emotional wellness.

Medical or Unexpected Absences

For absences due to illness, injury, or unforeseen circumstances, schools will work with families to provide appropriate educational programming as feasible. With clear communication and collaboration, we strive to keep students connected to their learning and classroom community during extended time away.

Extended Vacations and Discretionary Absences

While we understand that families may choose to travel or take extended time away from school for personal reasons, we encourage thoughtful consideration of the impact this time away may have on your child's learning and connection to the classroom community.

In alignment with the BC School Act, regular attendance is a legal requirement. While teachers will not provide instructional materials or formal learning programs during these absences, we know that families will support learning at home through daily reading, writing, and other activities that help maintain continuity.