



SUSSEX CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Guardian:

Our goal this year is to ensure that every student attends school regularly whether it is in person or remotely.

We realize some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. We also know that when students miss too much school, regardless of the reason it can cause them to fall behind academically.

Absences can add up quickly. **A child is chronically absent if he or she misses just two days a month during the fiscal school year!**

Going to school regularly matters!

Here are a few practical tips to help support regular attendance:

- Make sure your children keep a regular bedtime and establish a morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Ensure your children go to school every day unless they are sick.
- Avoid scheduling vacations or medical appointments when school is in session.
- Talk to teachers and counselors for advice if your children feel anxious about going to school.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up.

Let me know how I can best support you and your children so that they can show up for school on time every day. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact me directly at the above number and location.

Sincerely,

Paula Motton,
School Attendance Officer