



COVINGTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Owl Parents:

I would like to take a moment and share some information regarding the importance of your child being in attendance every day of the school year. I realize that this is not always possible due to illness and other emergencies, however, I cannot stress enough the importance of your child regularly attending school! It is a proven fact that students cannot learn if they are not in attendance and receiving instruction from their fabulous teachers.

The State of Texas requires that a student be in attendance for 90% of the school days in a year in order to promote to the next grade or receive credit for their classes. Under the education funding structure, the school district is paid from the state based on ADA, or average daily attendance. Therefore, when your child is absent, they are not only missing valuable instruction, they are also impacting the amount of funding the district receives from the state that fund the wonderful programs we have now or would like to add in the future!

Here are a few ways we can work together:

Please make every effort to schedule appointments, and activities during a time that will not interrupt the school day.

We understand that children get sick and we certainly do not want students here who are truly sick and run the risk of getting others sick. However, many times students simply do not "feel well", or are "tired", but are not in danger of getting others sick. In these cases, it is critical that parents ensure that students are in class each and every day.

Last year, Covington ISD experienced a drop in average daily attendance from 95% to 93% which considerably reduced the funding the district received from the state. The state average daily attendance rate for Texas School Districts is 95%.

It is our goal to return the attendance rate to 97% in order to increase our funding to add new programs as well as upgrade current programs.

Please, please, please join us in this effort to attain the goal of 97% attendance for the benefit of all Covington ISD students!