



CHRONIC NOTIFICATION

Date: 00/00/00

Student Name: FIRSTNAME LASTNAME (BIRTHDATE)

Student ID: SISNUMBER

Grade: GRADE at SCHOOLNAME

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I am writing to check in on FIRSTNAME and offer support. Prince William County Public Schools is committed to working with the parents/guardians of our students to ensure the success of our students. Regular attendance in school is a game changer, and it is an essential factor for success.

Our attendance records show that your child missed at least 9 days. Based on where we are in the school year, they have missed at least 10% of their instructional days and are chronically absent. As a reminder, under state guidelines, both excused and unexcused absences count toward chronic absenteeism meaning the reason for the absence is not a factor when determining if a student is chronically absent. We value each student's presence at school and would like to ensure that your child attends regularly to be successful in school.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences (excused and unexcused) can cause students to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent of the school year increases the chance that your student will not read or master math at the same level as their peers.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just one or two days every few weeks.
- Students who are absent two or more days each school month achieve 25 percent lower than their fellow students.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school
- Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school; struggling with schoolwork; or facing some difficulty, such as bullying.
- By 9th grade, regular attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 3rd grade test scores.
- As few as 5 absences in high school can drop a student's GPA by 25%.

We understand there are a wide variety of reasons why students are absent from school, including unavoidable illnesses. We also know that absences add up quickly. Our goal is to work with you to ensure your child is not considered chronically absent at the end of the year, as their academic success is critically important.

We are prepared to assist if you or your child face challenges in getting to school regularly or on time.

Sincerely,

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