



**DREW CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER – 2019-2020**



**ATTEND TODAY  
ACHIEVE TOMORROW!**

**Helpful Tips for  
AWESOME ATTENDANCE**

- Remind your child that school is their first and most important job! Tardies and early checkouts count against the child's attendance.
- Communicate the importance of regular school attendance to your child so they are hearing the same thing we are saying at school.
- Try to schedule doctor/dentist appointments after school or on days when school is not in session.
- If your child is running a fever, vomiting, or has diarrhea, they need to be kept at home—if they do not have any of these symptoms, please send them to school!

**Be Proactive!**

1. Notify the school of any absences.
2. Send a doctor's note upon return.

**Learn about  
attendance from DCE!**

Excused and unexcused absences both count toward the 95% attendance law.

A maximum of 6 days can be excused absences, unless there is a documented chronic illness or other circumstance.

An excused absence is accompanied by a doctor's or other medical professional's written excuse.

Unexcused absences are defined as absences not having medical/other documentation.

Letters will be sent to parents when a child has been tardy 3 and 6 times, and also, when a student has 3 and 6 unexcused absences.

**Bring your  
"A"  
Game  
Attitude!  
Academics!  
Attendance!**

**Do the Math:**  
K-12 = 13 years of school  
Missing just 1.5 days per month  
X 9 months in a year = 13.5 days  
13.5 days X 13 years = 175.5 days =  
Almost 1 whole year of school!!!!



**18 OR MORE DAYS** – Excused and unexcused absences represent lost time in the classroom and lost opportunities to learn. Missing just one day every two weeks can add up to 18 days in a year. Absences add up before you even know it!



**10 TO 17 DAYS** – Students who are absent an average of 15 days a year miss a year's worth of school before their senior year. When students miss a day of school, it actually puts them two days behind their classmates.



**9 OR FEWER ABSENCES** – Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more. Children benefit and make the most of their educational opportunities if they attend school regularly and on time.

**BETTER  
ATTENDANCE  
EQUALS  
BETTER  
PROGRESS**