



# NEWBY MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Mooresville Consolidated School Corporation  
11 West Carlisle Street  
Mooresville, IN 46158  
Re: New attendance policy

Dear MCSC Parent:

In an effort to appropriately monitor and encourage high rates of attendance for our schools, the Mooresville Consolidated School Corporation Board has adopted a new attendance policy in cooperation with the Morgan County Prosecutor's office. The program is titled "Empty Seats Don't Learn," and it supports and clarifies the importance of your child(ren) regular attendance at school. This policy was developed by the Morgan County Prosecutor's office and has been in use since 2011, but is new to Mooresville Consolidated School Corporation. The program outlines specific guidelines for your child's attendance and clear expectations for you as the parent or guardian. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the new policy. Complete Mooresville School policy guidelines can be found at [mooresvilleschool.org](http://mooresvilleschool.org) by clicking on the board and members link.

This program was created to target excessive unexcused absences. Excused absences are defined as absences for personal illness, a death in the family, a medical/dental appointment, serving as a page in the legislature, or court subpoenas. A phone call to the office does not designate an automatic excused absence-it must be the above reasons. A note is required from a parent or guardian to return to school after any absences. An unexcused absence is anything not listed above and will be documented in your child's records appropriately.

Excessive absences have been defined in Mooresville as missing more than 10 days of school in one school year. This policy will begin in January of 2015.

Students who have had excessive absences in the past, will be notified in January with more details and an outline of the consequences of further unexcused absences.

Yours in Education,

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