

Know Your School

Contact Information

Report Student Absences!

Crichfield Elementary
219-362-2020

Hailmann Elementary
219-362-2080

Handley Elementary
219-362-2561

Indian Trail Elementary
219-369-9016

Kingsbury Elementary
219-362-1823

Kingsford Heights Elementary
219-393-3116

Lincoln Elementary
219-362-3755

Riley Elementary
219-362-3235

WAYS THE COMMUNITY CAN SUPPORT STUDENT ATTENDANCE!

- ⇒ Sponsor a school and provide student incentives for good or improved student attendance.
- ⇒ Sponsor a monthly incentive for a chosen school near your business/organization.
- ⇒ Become a speaker resource representing the business community and share why school attendance is important and what characteristics you look for in hiring.
- ⇒ Post school attendance flyers/banners in your place of business reminding parents and students the importance of school attendance.
- ⇒ If you see an unsupervised child outside of the school setting during a day school is in session, ask—"Why are you not in school?"
- ⇒ If you are artistic, volunteer to create a display/bulletin board in your child's school featuring the importance of school attendance or recognizing students with good or improved school attendance.



Brochure contents from:
www.attendanceworks.org

LPCSC District Attendance Office:
219-362-3102, ext. 61027

LaPorte

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COUNTS: EVERY DAY EVERY STUDENT ALL DAY



TAKE NOTE!

- ⇒ Good attendance in Pre-K and Kindergarten builds academic and social skills for the future.
- ⇒ Preliminary data from a California study found that children who were chronically absent in Kindergarten and First grade were far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade.
- ⇒ If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build the habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.
- ⇒ Chronic absence and school tardies affects ALL kids, not just the absent or tardy student.
- ⇒ 3/4ths of students who are chronically absent in 6th grade will dropout of high school.

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PARENTS CAN HELP!

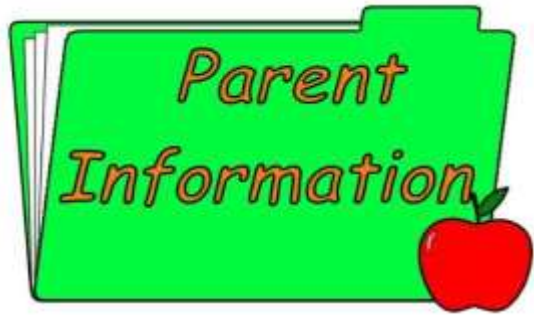
- ◇ Form a "walking school bus" with other families to get students to school safely and on time.
- ◇ Develop back up plans for getting your child to school in bad weather or in case of snow delays or early school dismissal.
- ◇ Strive to keep your child healthy—dress your child warmly for cold weather; stress the importance of eating a good breakfast every morning.
- ◇ Stress hand washing, particularly during the cold and flu season.
- ◇ Know your school's policy for how to report your child's school absence.
- ◇ Closely monitor your child's school attendance, tardies and grades by using the LPCSC website and "click" on the Parent Link.
- ◇ Keep the lines of communication open between home and school staff.
- ◇ Make appointments in the late afternoon or early morning so your child misses as little school as possible.
- ◇ If your child misses school make sure he/she gets and completes missed school work.
- ◇ Set up a bedtime and morning routine so your child gets enough sleep and is prepared for school in the morning.



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- IN Department of Education counts all excused and unexcused absences as an absence from school.
- Any student missing more than 9 days of school in the entire school year has an unsatisfactory school attendance rate (less than 95% attendance rate).
- It is unlawful for a parent to fail to ensure that their child attends school.
- Any parent who knowingly violates student attendance laws commits a Class B Misdemeanor and can be judicially prosecuted.
- The school corporation attendance officer or superintendent is required by law to report a student who is habitually absent from school to an intake officer of the Juvenile Court or the Department of Child Services.
- A student who has 10 unexcused absences from school in a school year is considered to be habitually truant.
- A student who misses more than 10% of the school year is considered to be chronically absent from school.
- For more information contact your child's school principal.

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HOW PARENTS CAN HELP SUPPORT THEIR CHILD'S SCHOOL ATTENDANCE!

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MAKE SCHOOL A PRIORITY.

Regular school attendance is a good habit that begins in preschool. Make it clear that in your household education is a #1 priority.



ESTABLISH A BEDTIME AND MORNING ROUTINE.

Make sure your child is ready to learn. Prepare for the next day of school the night before. Set a reasonable bedtime, your child needs to be well rested. Get your child an alarm clock or have them use the alarm on their cell phone. Make sure your child eats breakfast every morning. If your child has breakfast at school, make sure your child arrives in time to eat breakfast before the start of the academic day.



ENCOURAGE ATTENDANCE ...NO MATTER WHAT!

Indiana law requires that all children are to be in attendance at school every day, all day. Schedule appointments for your child after school or at the beginning or end of the day. An outside appointment doesn't excuse your child from attending school all day. Family vacations should be scheduled in consideration of the school calendar.



BE AN INVOLVED PARENT.

ALL children need their parent's support no matter their age. Parents need to provide their child guidance throughout their school career. You make a difference in your child's life.



PLAN AHEAD.

Develop a plan in the case of a school delay or early school dismissal. A plan helps your child and the school in keeping your child in school and on track.



LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN SUPPORT YOU.

The La Porte Community School Corporation provides access to a wide range of services in support of student success. Contact your child's school counselor for more information.