

## Tips for Parents & Guardians

# EVERY DAY COUNTS!



**Students who miss class, miss out on learning. Except in the case of illness, many school absences can be avoided with a little extra effort. Help your child learn, build lasting friendships, and develop the skills and attitudes needed to become a good citizen and valuable member of the community.**

- ✓ Get your child to school on time, every day, and make sure homework assignments are complete.
- ✓ Transportation issues and weather are considered unexcused absences and will go on your child's permanent record.
- ✓ Extended vacations, long weekends and frequent doctor appointment scheduled during school hours will cause your child to fall behind in class.
- ✓ Being in school every day raises your child's ability to score well on important tests throughout the year.
- ✓ Follow the proper school guidelines for reporting excused absences in a timely manner.
- ✓ Allow your child to stay home only when he/she has a contagious illness or is too sick to attend.
- ✓ Make sure your child exercises, eats a balanced diet, and gets plenty of sleep. This will help him/her to be mentally and physically ready to learn, and strengthen the immune system.
- ✓ Show your student that you value school: Read all information sent home by the school. Post important dates on a family bulletin board or on the refrigerator.
- ✓ Give your child enough time to get ready for school in the morning. Try preparing lunches, packing school bags and laying out clothing the night before.
- ✓ Approximately 90% of our school district general purpose revenue is derived from student attendance. On the average day, SJUSD loses approximately \$78,500 due to student absences. Each day your student is absent means fewer resources will be available for your child's classroom.
- ✓ When your student attends for any part of the day, he or she is marked present for the entire day, which means more resources for your school and more learning opportunities for your child.

### ***Miss School—Miss Out***

For more information on how you can help keep your student in school, contact:

INSERT SCHOOL CONTACT

[www.sanjuan.edu/attendancecounts](http://www.sanjuan.edu/attendancecounts)



Tips for talking to families

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## Miss School – Miss Out!

*Help your students and families realize that attendance counts for themselves and your school community.*



### *Student Academic Achievement*

- Students learn best when they attend school every day.
- When students miss school, they miss important lessons and essential skills needed for academic success.
- Regular attendance is directly associated with better learning, test taking, grades, and self esteem.
- Students get more than two days behind their peers when they miss one day of school because they must make up missed work AND continue with new lessons at the same time.

### *Increased Revenue for School Programs*

- On the average day, SJUSD loses approximately \$78,500 due to student absences.
- Approximately 90% of our school district general purpose revenue is derived from school attendance.
- Every student absences means a missed opportunity for learning and fewer resources for our classrooms.
- A 1% increase in the district's attendance rate would provide an additional \$2,430,688 in revenue for our schools.

### *Graduation and Future Life Success*

- Students who attend school develop patterns of responsibility and commitment.
- Attending school regularly increases earning potential:
  - High school graduates earn more than twice as much as high school dropouts!
  - College graduates earn \$336 more per week than high school graduates!
- Graduating from high school creates the potential to earn \$240,000 more in a lifetime than those who drop out.



San Juan Unified School District  
Attendance Improvement Program