



October 11, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We seek your partnership to maintain your child's regular attendance at school. Woodland District #50 is dedicated to academic achievement and success for all students. Regular school attendance is a critical part of that success. High attendance rates result in improved academic skills, as well as social and emotional growth for our students. When students are not at school, we notice because we care and want all of our students to be successful. Also, new this school year, every school must report average daily attendance on the Illinois School Report Card.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school – and themselves. In Illinois students must attend school from ages 6-17. A child who is absent without valid cause from school for 5% or more of the required attendance days is considered truant from school. Woodland Board Policy states, "*A valid cause for absence includes illness, observance of religious holiday, death in the immediate family, family emergency, other situations beyond the control of the student.*" To view the policy in its entirety please click here:

[Board Policy 7:70](#)

School success goes hand in hand with good attendance.

We understand that some students may have experienced an issue outside of school that could impact him or her in school this fall and impact his or her attendance. These issues could include any type of traumatic incident such as the loss of a parent, grandparent, a move, divorce, etc. If your child was involved in a traumatic event, please know that we have experienced social workers and psychologists who are on our school staff who are available to assist your child.

Our teachers and administrators look forward to providing an excellent education for all students. This excellence increases for each student when he or she is present for learning. By maintaining open communication between home and school, we can work together to provide the best learning environment for all our students. If you have any questions regarding attendance please contact your child's school.

We wish you and your student a very successful school year!

Mrs. Anderson

Mr. Wollberg

Dr. West

Mr. Straight

Mr. Snyder

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