## Coffee with the Counselor

#### **ATTENDANCE**



## Today's Agenda

Why?

Myths

Impact on Wilmer

What is the policy?

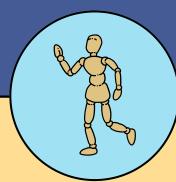
**Chronic Ailment** 

Incentives

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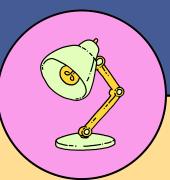










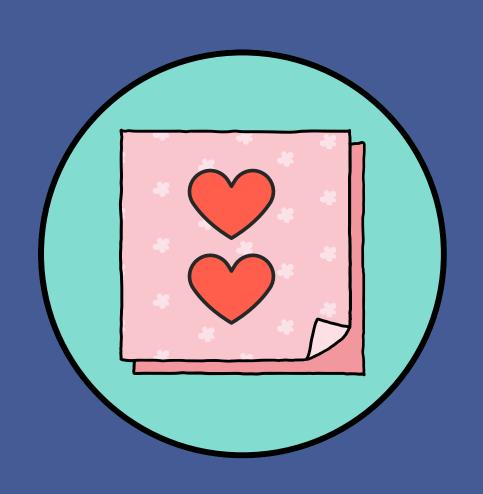




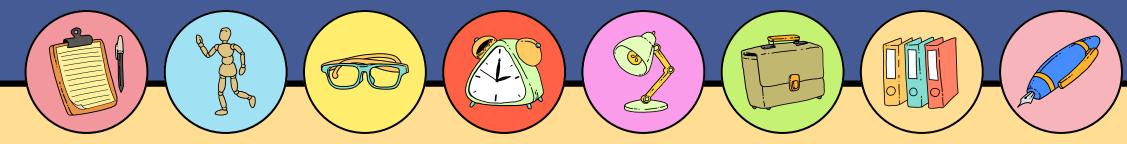




#### Why is attendance Important?



- Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance.
- Half the students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school.
- Research shows that missing 10% of school (approx. 18 days) negatively affects a student's academic performance. That is just 2 days a month.
- By 6th grade, chronic absenteeism becomes the leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.
- When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances of graduating.



## Myths





#### Myth:

Schools just want students to attend so they can get more money.

#### Fact:

Student attendance impacts class size and student resources. It does not impact teacher pay.









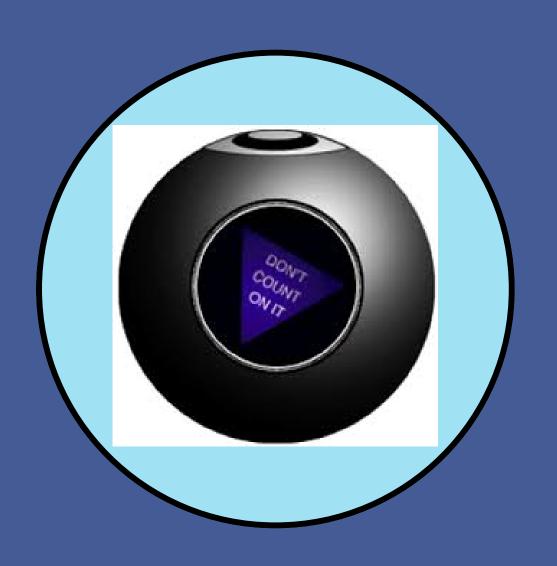








## Myths





#### Myth:

Excused absences don't count.

#### Fact:

Excused absences can still negatively impact class size and student resources.













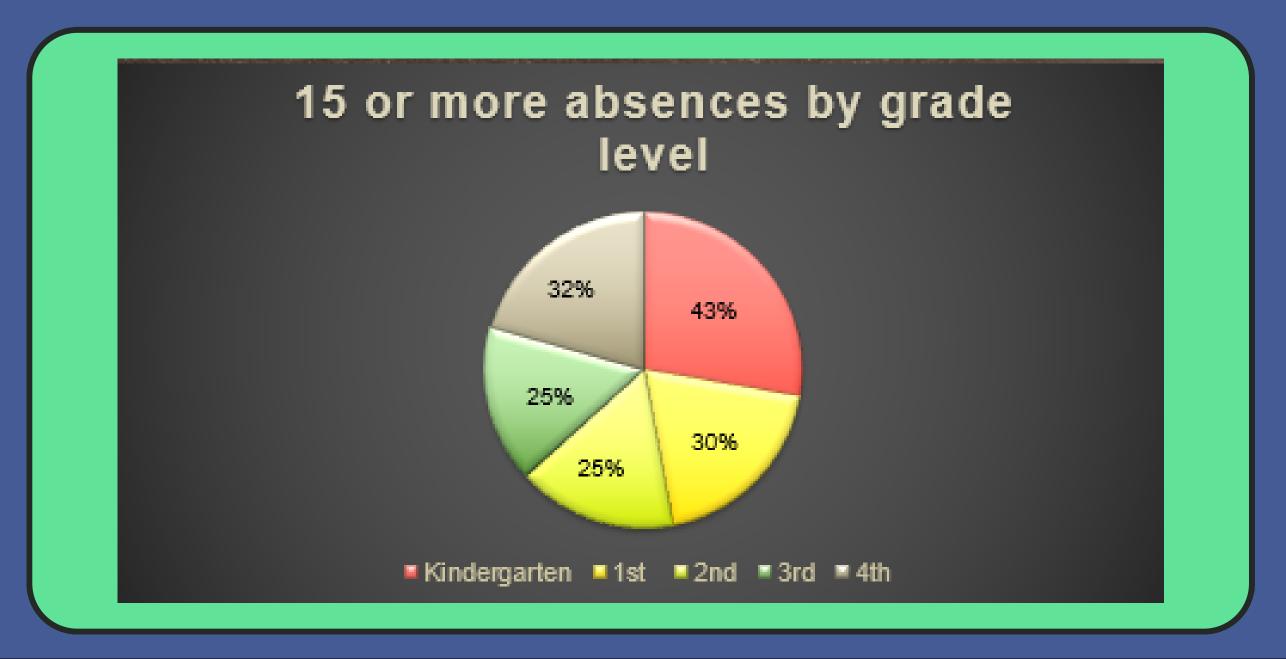




#### Wilmer's Attendance



118 students with 15 or more absences



















## Wilmer's Attendance



Mid Year 2023-2024

The 33 students who had failing grades already had an average of 9 days missed in school.

Subject	1st Quarter	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	Semester Average	Absences
Math	33/E	73/C	53/E	22
Math	41/E	66/D	52/E	18
Math	43/E	71/C	57/E	4
Reading	42/E	30/E	36/E	12
Math	41/E	73/C	57/E	20
Math	54/E	60/D	57/E	14
Reading	66/D	51/E	58.5/E	6
Math	45/E	74/C	59.5/E	21















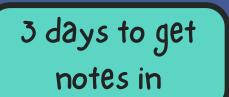


## Let's look at the policy!

Suspensions= Unexcused

Check out before Noon = Absence



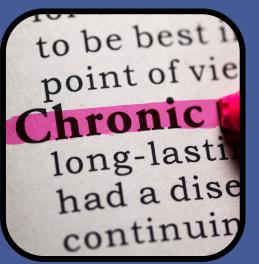




8 parent notes
a year



turn in a Dr. note for appointments



have a chronic ailment, complete forms with our nurse













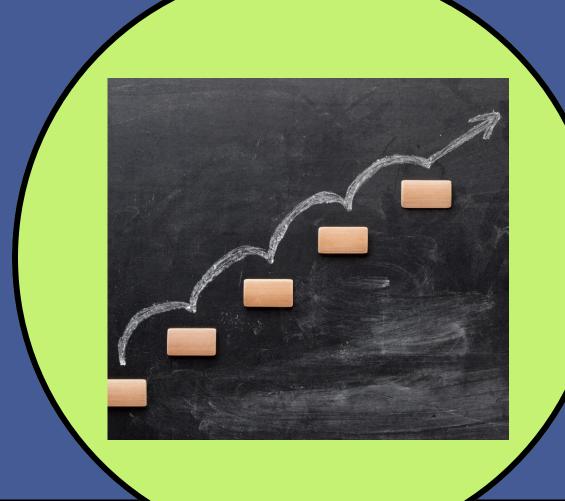




## Truancy Steps

District

Wilmer











5 Unexcused
Absences=
Early Warning
TRuancy

Do not attend EWT

OR additional

Unexcused absences

=Court Referral

Staff call to check on student

Conference with staff

















### Chronic Ailment



#### How does that work?

Forms

Every Semester

Stipulations

Notes

Your doctor's office MuSt complete the forms!

Forms MuSt be updated every semester!

Your Dr. office will dictate how many days.

Your parent note Must reference the C.A.









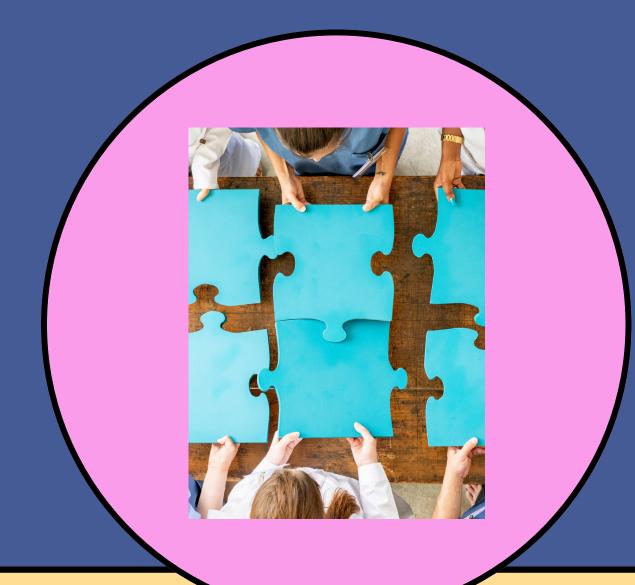








## Reminders



We are here to help!

If you are not sure about your student's attendance, please reach out.

You CAN NOT wait until you receive a progress report or report card to check your student's attendance.

















#### Positive Incentives



#### Beginning September 2nd!

All month= Glow Dance Party

Week 1

Week 2

Week 3

Week 4

Duct tape a staff member

ice cream sundaes

Picnic lunch with a friend

Extra recess

Parent Incentives

Attendance Out of Uniform Days Begin-September 13th for

# Questions or or Concerns

















# Thank You for Attending

