



Dear Parents/Guardians,

September 1, 2024

School attendance is essential to academic success, but too often absences quickly add up to academic difficulty. At Ripon Unified School District, we aim to build partnerships with families to help all our students succeed. This partnership between families and schools is a vital aspect to long-term educational success for our students.

Attendance has a significant impact on children of all ages. Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade. By 6th grade, chronic absences become a leading indicator that a student may not be successful in completing high school. Your child's attendance in September is a good predictor of their attendance throughout the year. Those who missed 2 days in September were 5 times more likely to be chronically absent and miss 10% of school by the end of the year.

We understand that family life can be complicated and there may be some unforeseen difficulties during the school year. Save your child's attendance number to your phone and call us as soon as you know your student will miss school. Excused absences such as illness and doctor's appointments must be called in or emailed to your school's attendance office.

If you are in need of additional support to create positive attendance and engagement for your child, please reach out to your school site. We have support at all levels: your child's teacher, the school site, and the district. Together we can make this an exceptional school year.

Sincerely,

Lisa Mazza
Director of Student Services
Ripon Unified School District

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District Attendance Liaison
Ripon Unified School District

**Attend today,
Achieve tomorrow.**

