



# Santa Gertrudis ISD

## Attendance Newsletter January 2020



- As we start this new semester we would like to take the opportunity to again **THANK** all of our families who consistently work to ensure their children's attendance and punctuality is high. Getting these important habits established early on in your child's life will make a difference in their futures.
- Make sure to communicate the importance of regular school attendance to your child so they are hearing the same thing we are saying at school.
- If your child has a doctor/dentist appointment, they can still get credit for the day if they attend at least some of the day. You can bring them before or after their appointment with the note from the doctor.
- At SGISD, our goal is a 98% attendance rate.

December school attendance: 93.6%

### Be Proactive

Notify the school of an absence and send a note with your student.

When a student is absent from school, the student—upon arrival or return to school—**must bring a note signed by the parent that describes the reason for the absence.**

We will allow a **3-day** grace period for any notes.



### 18 OR MORE DAYS

- Excused and unexcused absences represent lost time in the classroom and lost opportunities to learn.
- Missing just one day every two weeks can add up to 18 days in a year. Absences add up before you even know it.

### 10 TO 17 DAYS

- Students who are absent an average of 15 days a year miss a year's worth of school before their senior year.
- When students miss a day of school it actually puts them two days behind their classmates.

### 9 OR FEWER ABSENCES

- Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.
- Children benefit and make the most of their educational opportunities if they attend school regularly and on time.

### Absences **ADD UP**

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MISSING

**18** DAYS IN A SCHOOL YEAR  
or **2** DAYS EVERY MONTH

**EQUALS:**

- ↓ LOWER TEST SCORES
- RETENTION IN LATER GRADES



School starts at **7:50 am**. Being late means your student is losing minutes of direct teaching.

### Prevent the Spread!

- Stay at home when you are sick
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze
- Cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, *not* your hand
- Put used tissues in the waste basket