



Near North
District School Board

Attendance Matters

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This letter is written to improve the school-home communication on school attendance for your child. This letter does not mean the legitimacy of any absences are being questioned but to gain a better understanding on how absences impact on student's academic success and on individual achievement.

The Ministry of Education and the NNDSB recognizes that each day of school attendance matters. We firmly believe good attendance is crucial to success at school and within the community. The Ministry has concluded that student's who miss over 18 days per school year have shown significant gaps, compared to those who regularly attend, in Math, Reading and Writing skills. Being on time, being present and showing an effort has ripple effects for every student's future.

It is a parental/guardian responsibility to support student's arrival on time and participation in every day of scheduled classes. It is also the student's responsibility to put forth efforts within the class and complete all course expectations. If classroom time is missed, it is the student's responsibility to contact their teacher(s) to ensure that all course materials are being completed and on time.

The NNDSB believes in supporting students to the fullest and believe EVERY school day counts! Support your child in attending everyday to further their success within school and throughout their future careers.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter or your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact the school and/or feel free to contact your schools **Attendance Counsellor, Erin Fitzgerald at 705-472-7015 ext. 5987.**

Contact us today, we are here to help support all students and their families!

Thank you for your continued involvement in your child's education.