



# VALLEY STREAM 13 SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Central Office  
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Connection**

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- Check and compare prices at the grocery store. Count change.
- Carry a measuring tape and measure things at a store or on a table when you are out to eat.
- Count objects out loud while you are driving.
- Use a recipe to cook or bake.
- Look for patterns and find objects that have a specific shape.
- Play games! Build with blocks or legos. Do puzzles.

One of the best ways to help your child succeed in school is to build the habit of good attendance as early as possible.

Did you know that too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school? This can happen even if you just miss a day or two every few weeks. Being late to school often leads to poor attendance over time.

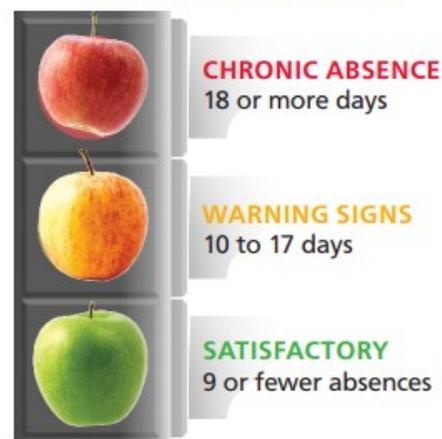
Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves. Talk to your child about the importance of coming to school

**on time, every day!**

## ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW



### When Do Absences Become a Problem?



#### What can you do:

1. Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
2. Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
3. Don't let your child stay home unless they are truly sick. Keep in mind that complaints of a stomachache or a headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
4. If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to your child's teacher, social worker, or reach out to the principal for assistance.
5. Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up.
6. Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

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### We believe that:

- All Children can learn at the highest levels;
- Teaching and learning should be differentiated and child-centered;
- Social and emotional learning is critical to the learning process;
- We should have challenging learning experiences for all educations and children;
- Children learn best by constructing a new understanding of their relationships to the world around them (i.e., constructivist approach); and
- Children should become lifelong learners and well prepared for post-secondary life experiences

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