

Attendance News

Orchard Grove Elementary

Did You Know?

- Missing 10% (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Starting in Kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Nationwide, nearly 10% of kindergartners and 1st graders are chronically absent.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



CHRONIC ABSENCE
18 or more days

WARNING SIGNS
9 to 17 days

GOOD ATTENDANCE
8 or fewer absences

Courtesy of
attendanceworks.org

Note: These numbers assume
a 180-day school year.

Orchard Grove Attendance Policy

Research is clear on the fact that attendance patterns and punctuality have a direct impact on a child's academic achievement. Please make every effort to support your child(ren)'s program by having him/her in school. When your child is absent from school, it is the policy of the Frederick County Public Schools that students must bring a note to school indicating the reason and the date of the absence. A parent or guardian must sign notes. Of special note, days when school is in session for only a half-day of instruction (conference days, in-service days, etc.) a student is considered absent for the entire day if he/she is not in school. Attendance is very important to us and will be closely monitored. Our School Attendance Committee meets every other week to review student attendance. A series of letters will be sent to contact parents/guardians of students with a high rate of absenteeism. If your child is out for an extended period of time, the school may request a note from the doctor. If you have a planned vacation that will last more than five days, prior approval from the principal must be obtained. Also, please note that if your child is unable to participate in physical education classes for an extended period of time due to injury or illness or go outside for recess, a note from your physician must be presented to the classroom teacher.

Pre-K Attendance

- Pre-K is not mandatory at this time, however it is highly encouraged that our pre-k friends come to school on a regular basis.

-Establishing a routine at the young ages will help support your child's learning as they continue through school.

- Pre-K students who do not attend regularly are at risk for losing their spot.