

Principal's Newsletter

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Attendance and Being on Time for School

Research shows that children with consistent school attendance learn more. If children are to fully benefit from the many opportunities that Verner offers them regular school attendance is vital. A student who is 10 minutes late every day will miss 30 hours of instruction during the school year. Children who are late or absent can copy notes or make up assignments, but they can never recover what is most important: the instruction, discussion, questions and explanations that the teacher has provided and the thinking that makes learning come alive. While punctuality will promote learning, arriving late to school can also be very disruptive for the child, the teacher, and the other children in the class.

A child's success in school, and ultimately life, depends on having a solid educational background, one that can only be gained through punctuality and regular school attendance. When a child grows up they will quickly learn that employers seek reliable, dependable and responsible people to fill employment positions.

Regular attendance at school is also important in promoting social development and enabling children to keep up-to-date with their learning. Developing positive attendance and timekeeping habits at a young age will serve the child well throughout his/her life.

Here are some tips to help with your child's school attendance and punctuality:

1. Schedule family vacations during school breaks.
2. Avoid scheduling doctor appointments during school hours.



Upcoming Events

September 8

Verner Picture Day

School Board Student Life
Committee Meeting 7pm-
Central Office Conference
Room

Important Announcement

The Verona Fall Festival is this weekend. Stop by, play some games and grab a bite to eat. Support the Verona Community and have some fun!

3. Establish a regular bedtime to ensure that your child gets a good night's sleep, awakes rested and has enough time to prepare for school.
4. Being on time is essential. Doors open for breakfast at 8am and for homeroom at 8:20am. Children arriving after 8:30am MUST report to the office for a tardy slip.
5. Absences and tardies are recorded in your child's permanent record. NOTE: Three (3) unexcused absences equals truancy and will be referred to the magistrate.
6. Excused absence. A parent will call the office on the day their child is absent or send a note on the day his or her child returns to school indicating the reason for the absence.
7. Unexcused absence and/or tardy. No written excuse is received from a parent/guardian indicating the reason for the absence or tardy.
8. Excused tardy. A parent will accompany his or her child to the office and provide a written note indicating the reason for being tardy.
9. Lead by example. If children see parents taking off work for no real reason, and coming late for scheduled appointments, they may expect to be able to do the same thing.
10. Research shows that **attendance is the single most important factor** in school success

Our goal is to have children who...

- Attend school regularly.
- Arrive to school on time.
- Are ready and prepared to learn.

